

PITT COUNTY WILLS

Miscellaneous Will, Is and Testaments in Pitt County, North Carolina (found in various collections) A fire destroyed earlier records in 1858

The Will of Taplie Bentley 1796. From NC Supreme Court Case #302, NC Archives and History

I, being in a low state of health and call to mind that all men must die I therefore send unto my beloved wife the whole of my estate during her widowhood and afterwards to be equally divided amongst my wife and children as such part thereof may be sufficient to pay my debts. I acknowledge this to be my last will and testament in the presence of as given under my hand and seal September 9th, 1796 Taplie Bently (X, his mark)

Executors: Benjamin Barrow and my wife, Elizabeth. /s/ Rd. Moye and John Cowart.

Pitt County Oct Term 1796. This Will was exhibited into open court and proved on oath of George Ward, a subscribing witness thereto and was ordered to be recorded. /s/ George Ward, Clerk

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the last will and testament of Tapley Bently as taken from the original filed in the Office of Pitt County given under my hand at office the 10th Sept 1819. /s/Alexander Evans, Clk by Richard Evans

The Will of Benjamin Barrow, 1807, Pitt County. NC Supreme Court Case #301, NC Archives and History

In the name of God Amen, I, Benjamin Barrow of the county of Pitt and State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz--

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Honer Barrow one negro woman by the name of Rose, one man by the name of Lewis.

Item. I give unto my wife one riding chair and horse sorrel, two cows and calves, two sows and shoats, two beds and furniture, a table, one chest and the rest of what furniture which I am possessed of and the remainder of my stock I give unto my grandson Benjamin Forbes to pay what debts I owe at present.

Item. I give unto my granddaughter Polly Forbes one negro girl by the name of Fanny. Likewise I give unto y daughter Sally Forbes one negro girl by the name of Violet to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I nominate and appoint my loving grandson Ben Forbes to be my sole executor to this my last will and testament disannulling all and every will or wills by me made, signed, sealed and

delivered September 5th 1807 in the presence of us. /a/Tobias Butler, Frederick Hardison

/s/Benjamin Barrow (his mark)

I certify the within to be a true copy of the last will and testament of Benjamin Barrow as taken from the original filed in the clerks office of Pitt County, given under my hand at office in Greenville this 28th December 1812. /a/Alexander Evans, Clerk

Abstracts of Wills

Will of Simon Burney, 1829, Pitt County. From the Harding Family Papers, ECU Manuscript Collection, #152.1, Joyner Library.

Daughter, Sarah Wilson, 4 negroes, one negro girl called Centhy, one negro girl called Sarah, one negro woman called Eady and Eady's youngest child, one bed and furniture to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Daughter, Elizabeth Kilpatrick, 4 negroes, girl named Cherry, girl named Betsy, woman called Chainy and Chains, the youngest child, one bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Daughter, Louis Smith negro girl, Phillis, one negro girl called-----, one negro woman called Ertha and Ertha's youngest child, one bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Daughter, Rachel Burney, 4 negroes. One negro boy called Tiny, one negro girl called Jemima, and one negro boy called Jackson, one negro girl called Grissy and bed and furniture to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Granddaughter, Eliza Woote, one negro girl called Roda.

Grandson, Counsel Wooten, one negro by called William.

Son, John H. Burney all my lands and plantations on Clay Root and Swift Creek; also all my negroes that I possess except those mentioned above, all my horses, sheep and cattle, also one riding chair and harness, all my farming utensils, household furniture, my notes and cash, that I leave at my death to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Son, Bryan Burney fifty cents, one bed and furniture to him.

Son, Lewis Burney fifty cents, one bed and furniture.

Son, Simon, fifty cents, one bed and furniture.

Executors: Friends, William Pugh and John Burney. /s/Simon Burney, Sr.

Wit: William Burney, Henry BURNEY, Samuel Smith. Probated May Session 1829

Last Will and Testament of James Brooks, 1806, Pitt Co, N. C., 1842 Supreme Court

Daughter: Mary Wilson and husband William Willson

Granddaughter: Elizabeth Wilson

Granddaughters by my daughter, Mary Wilson.

Sons, John and James.

Daughters: Sarah Tucker and Margaret Bond.

Son: William

Daughter: Nancy Brooks, Elizabeth Wilson

Grandsons by my daughter Sidney Adams provided they live to 21 years of age. Date: 12 July 1806. /s/Joseph Brooks Sr.J Proved Nov Term of 1806 by oath of Joseph Brooks.

Note; Other documnts clearly prove that Elizabeth was the granddaughter, not daughter, of James Brooks

Last Will of Jacob Moore, 1820, Pitt County. Francis M. Manning Collection #488.21.b

Date: 21 Oct 1820.

Wife: Rutha Moore

Grandson: Magilbra M. Sateon

Granddaughter: Alavaney M. Stateon

Sons and daughters of my daughter Betty Felps.

Executors: Friends, Benjamin Felps and James Perkins.

Last Will of Dinah Whitehurst, 1847, Pitt County

Son: Reuben Whitehurst

Son: James Whitehurst