

Josiah Claybrook

In the name of God: amen.

I Josiah Claybrook of the County of Rockingham and State of North Carolina calling to mind the uncertainty of life and all mankind sooner or later must die have thought proper now being in some mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in pleneness. I swear and certify that all my just debts be paid and my general expenses which I wish to be plain account out of my estate.

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha Claybrook three negroes namely Bobb Seey and many together with the tract of land on the side of the Mayo River that I now live on as much of it as she thinks proper to take during her life.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my son Obeniah Claybrook one tract of land on which he now lives and one negro man namely Tom which negro he has now enfranchised.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my son John Claybrook one negro man namely Hall also the tract of land that I bought of James Davis lying in the County of Stokes.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son Peter Claybrook one tract of land lying on the west side of Mayo River known by the name of Dalton's tract. I also give him one negro boy namely Robert and one horse to be worth fifty dollars.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my son Henry Claybrook the tract of land on the east side of Mayo River on which I now live at his Mother's death one negro to be worth as much as Tom or half as at the time one Rifle gun one chest of Drawers one clock Desk Chest of drawers clock and desk at his Mother's death

also one shirt and at the age of 21 one horse worth fifty dollars Item 6th I bind to my Daughter Elizabeth Vernon one negro man named by Joseph during her life and after her death to be equally divided among her heirs & also the use of fifty acres of land at the school house her lifetime Item 7th I give and bequeath to Sarah Wilkes one negro girl namely Joyce and one Cherry Table.

Item 8th I give and bequeath to my Daughter Martha Hall one negro namely Lucy.

Item 9th I give and bequeath to my Daughter Franky Claybrook one negro namely Polly also my cupboard after her mother's death.

Item 10th I give and bequeath to my Daughter Polina Claybrook one negro boy namely Sonny one wash tub & iron stand.

Item 11th the balance or residue of my estate after my wife's death to be equally divided among my five daughters that is to say Elizabeth Vernon Sarah Wilkes Martha Hallum Franky Claybrook and Polina Claybrook.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my son John Claybrook my executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 9th day of April 1825.

Josiah Claybrook (Seal)
I Dalton This will was set aside by Vincent of
John Means a Jury
Nehemiah Vernon Junr