

In the name of God Amen! I Alexander Bellows of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory (helped by God) though weak and feeble in body, do this 9th day of June, the year of our Lord 1825. Make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, after recommending my soul to God who gave it, and my body to its maker, to be buried in a decent and Christian burial, by my executors hereafter named. I will that my Executors make and pay all my just debts - I will in second place, that my beloved wife Leah, remain and continue on my plantation and on the house I now live, during her natural life, and to have her support out of my plantation. Thirdly, I will, that all my children, (that is to say, My daughter Betty Bellows and son Jonathan Bellows, and two daughters, Polly and Sarah Bellows, and two sons, George and Matthew (Horton) shall go share and share alike in all my estate.

Further I will, that when my youngest son, Matthew, comes to the age of twenty one, that my lands is to be equally divided. Amongst all my above mentioned children, unless they see proper amongst them for one of them, to buy the land and pay their other brothers and share an equal part of the price of the land.

Fifthly I will that my two daughters namely, Nancy Bellows married to George Long, and Anne Bellows married to David Mitchell, shall for their subsistence, towards me, have only one dollar each, of my estate - And I hereby make and ordain my friends Elyah Hooper and Henry Doub Executors of this my last will and testament, in writings hereof, & the said Alexander Bellows, have to this my last will and testament, set my hand and seal the day year above written and delivered by the said Alexander Bellows in his last will and testament in the presence of, who in his presence and in the presence of such here denominated our names.

Alexander Bellows - his mark

Benjamin Hooper Clerk

Eliza Hunter

My Doub Executors as to the inheritance.

Stokes County, September Term 1825

The foregoing is a true copy taken from the original Will which is filed
Proven by Benj. Hooper

Matthew Moore Clk
By the Court

In the name of God Amen! I Thomas Dwyer of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina being in entire mind and memory, help by God, and as it is very uncertain of what duration my life may be, in time, do constitute this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, (that is to say) I give my soul into the hands of Almighty God & may only to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter to be named, in hopes of a happy resurrection through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour.

I give and bequeath to my step-son Aaron, a negro boy by the name of Ben, a bed and furniture and one hundred and fifty dollars which he has recd. and his part of stock.

I also give to my daughter Polly a negro girl by the name of Sally & her increase, bed & furniture, one hundred & fifty dollars & her part of stock, which she has received.

I also give and bequeath to my step-son Horton Dwyer one hundred & fifty dollars, bed & furniture & one hundred and fifty dollars & their part of stock which they have received.

I also give and bequeath to my step-son Richard one negro boy, one hundred & fifty dollars & his part of stock which he has received.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Catherine a negro girl by the name of Kate & her increase, and one hundred and fifty dollars, bed and furniture, and her part of stock, which she has received.

I also give to my son Joseph a negro boy by the name of John, one hundred and fifty dollars, bed & furniture and his part of stock which he has received.

I give to my daughter Sally one negro girl by the name of Mary, and her increase and one hundred and fifty dollars, which she has received, twenty seven dollars, and bed and furniture and her part of stock.

I give and bequeath to my son Thomas, one negro by the name of Winston, one hundred & fifty dollars, bed and furniture and his part of stock.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy, one negro girl by the name of Mary, one hundred and fifty dollars, bed and furniture and stock which she has received. (The stock only)