

James Morgan's last Will & Testament

In the name of God amen. James Morgan of the County of Union and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory, and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, and wishing to arrange all my temporal matters while in the enjoyment of my natural and mental faculties do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following (viz) first and principally all I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my friends. And as touching such worldly estate as I have received God to bless me with in this life I give demise and bequeath in the following manner and form (viz)

Art 1st my will is that all my just debts be paid out of money on hand and debts that may be due and owing to me at my death and if there should be a deficiency of assets the balance to be raised out of the other property -

Art 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Morgan & my daughter Maniza Jane and her sister Chearun as my wife Sarah shall bear to me within nine months after my death one tract of land on which I now reside being a part of my entire tract of land beginning on the west bank of the Crook Spring branch at the Wagon Road near P. C. Ashcrafts and running in a Western direction with the road to my corner thence in a Southern

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tract of land on which I now reside, being a part of my entire
tract of land beginning on the west bank of the Crookspring branch
at the Wagon Road near B. C. Ashcraft, and running in a
Western direction with the road to my corner thence in a southerly
direction with my original running towards the Glade thence a
creek near the upper part of my plantation to the Crookspring branch
thence with said branch to the beginning containing just over
hundred twenty acres -

Act 3 I give and bequeath to my beloved son James M. Morgan
fifty acres of land lying in both sides of the Crookspring branch
adjoining of Thomas C. Ashcraft to be laid off in such a
manner as to include said James M. Morgan's improvements -

Act 4 All the rest of my land I give and bequeath to my three daughters
Leincy, Sarah A. & Rosa A. Morgan to be equally divided between
them -

Act 5 My will is that all of my personal estate after my debts are
paid shall remain in the possession of my wife Sarah Morgan and
my three grand daughters together who shall have power to use
and dispose of the same as they see cause until they may desire a
division of the same which they shall have power to do by causing
to their assistance three or more disinterested persons, who
shall make a record of their proceedings and keep the same until
a final distribution and settlement of the whole estate shall be

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made without further order from Court and in all things the
Morgan heirs to have an equal share of his personal estate -

Attest And testify I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend
Darlene Rushing Executor of this my last will and testament
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
the 31st day of October 1859 - Signed and sealed in the
presence of us

W. Rushing
Jonathan Baker

James Morgan (Jae)

Which was admitted to probate in due form of
Law at Vannoy Term 1860 - Sa Vannoy Docket -

Hugh Rogers last Will & Testament

State of North Carolina In the name of God Amen. I Hugh Rogers
Union County I being conscious in body but in perfect mind
do make and Ordain this my last will and testament in form
following I give and bequeath my soul to God who created and
my body to the dust from which it was taken to be decently buried at
the discretion of my friends -

Abstaining such worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless
me with at the time of my death -