

Sampson Poster's last Will & Testament

I Sampson Poster of the County of Union and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing memory but knowing the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make declare and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say.

Item I will that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body after my death a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and shall pay my burial expences together with all my just debts out of the money that shall first come into hand as a part and parcel of my Estate.

Item I will and bequeath unto the Children of my Daughter Polly Adams deceased that is to say Farga Learest, Eliza Learest, Tabitha Honycutt, Nancy Brown, Coleman Holmes and Ambros Holmes and unto what I have all ready heretofore given them the following Negroes to wit Old young Maria,

Item In consideration of the age infirmity and destitute circumstances of my brother William Poster I will and bequeath unto him a negro man by name Ransom to have and to hold during his natural life and at the death of my said brother I will said negro to my grand son James P. Belk.

Item I will and bequeath unto my grand son James P. Belk a negro Androm by name a Slave.

Item I will and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah Belk two old and infirm Slaves that is to say Old Maria and old Solomon to be taken care of and supported by my said daughter Hannah Belk the object of this legacy being to provide for the support & maintenance of said aged old Maria and old Solomon.

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Item I will and bequeath unto the Children of my Daughter Polly Holmes dead that is to say Farga Learest, Eliza Learest, Tabitha Honycutt, Nancy Brown Coleman Holmes and Andrew Holman a ddition to what I have already heretofore given them the following negroes to wit Isabet young Maria.

Item In consideration of the age infirmity and destitute circumstances of my brother William Foster I will and bequeath unto him a negro man by name Hans to have and to hold during his natural life and at the death of my said brother I will said negro to my grand son James P. Belk.

Item I will and bequeath unto my grand son James P. Belk a negro man by name a Slave.

Item I will and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah Belk two old and worn Slaves that is to say Old Maria and old Solomon to be taken care of and supported by my said daughter Hannah Belk the object of this legacy being to provide for the support & maintenance of said aged Maria and old Solomon.

Item In consideration of her being chargeable with the support of the aged Slaves Maria and Solomon and for other good considerations moving thereto I will and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah

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Sampson Foster's Will Continued

Be it the following I leave to my son Lena, Oma, and back.

Item. If further will and devise to my daughter Hannah Be it the tract of land whereon I now live, adjoining the land of Elias Preslar & my nroser Sampson & Be it others containing four hundred acres or thereabouts to have and to hold the same to her and her heirs.

Item In consideration of my having given my other grand son a tract of land each I will and devise to my grand son George W. S. Be it a tract of land adjoining the land of Jonathan Brown testimony & it contains containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less to have and to hold the same to him and his heirs he having not here to find received any land from me while I have given by deed of gift a tract of land to each of my grand sons.

Item To the end that the title thereof may be the more effectually secured to him as it is rumored that there is to be an attempt to convert him of the title and possession of the same I will and bequeath unto my grand son George W. S. Be it a Slave by the name of Liza and her child both of which I have heretofore given by deed of gift given to him.

Item To the same end and with the same intent and for the same reasons I will and bequeath unto my grand daughter Polly Be it a Slave called Anne by name now in the possession which I have heretofore by deed of gift given to her.

Item To the same end and with the same intent and for the same reasons I will and bequeath unto my grand daughter Polly Betts a Slave Catharine by name now in her possession which I have heretofore by deed of Gift given her.

Item To the same end and with the same intent and for the same reasons I will and bequeath unto my grand daughter Nancy Betts a Slave Lucy by name and her Child which I have heretofore by deed of Gift given her.

Item I devise to the same end and with the same intent and for the same reasons I will and bequeath unto my grand daughter Hannah Betts a Slave Sarah by name heretofore by deed of Gift given to me.

Item The residue of my Estate not herein disposed of I will and bequeath unto the Children of my deceased daughter Polly Betts that is to say the following to wit Fanny Seacrest Eliza Seacrest Tabitha Horey out Nancy Brown Solomon D Hodges and Ambros Betts this being in addition to what I have herein given and in addition to which I have heretofore by deed given them.

I hereby nominate and appoint my trusty friend C. M. J. McCauley my Executor to Execute this my Last will and Testament and my part and parcel thereof according to the true intent and meaning thereof the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of September A.D. 1852. and same on this day and date after being published by me as my Last will and Testament signed and

Sampson Oster's last Will & Testament
 published and declared by the Testator Sampson Oster as his last will
 Testament in our presence and witnessed and subscribed by us in his
 presence and in the presence of each other by his special request and the assent
 of the word negroes, child & child are and insertion instead of initials and age
 in our presence

Samuel M. Waltrip
 W. W. Hoar

Sampson Oster
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State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions
 Union County 3 July Term 1857

When this instrument of writing the last will and Testament
 of Sampson Oster was exhibited in open Court and pronounced
 before of Lady Samuel M. Waltrip & W. W. Hoar the subscribing witnesses
 thereof and ordered to be recorded whereupon Letter of Administration
 with the will annexed was granted to E. H. Richardson & Henry
 J. Hargreaves & Letters issued

Wm. H. Hargreaves
 By J. H. Hargreaves

Elizabeth Orange last Will & Testament

Elizabeth Orange of the County of Union and State of North Carolina being