

Matthew Shipper (Deceased)

Mrs. Houston

State of North Carolina

Court of Pleas and Quarter

Union County

Sessions April Term 1844

The last will and Testament of Squire ^{Stevens} Deceased was exhibited in open Court by Amos Stevens the Executor therein mentioned and was proven in due ^{form of law} by Matthew Shipper one of the Subscribing witnesses and Ordered to be recorded —

Hugh Stewart C. C.

Thomas Godfrey's Last Will and Testament North Carolina

In the name of God Amen

I Thomas Godfrey of the County ^{of Union} in the State aforesaid being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) Firstly I desire that all my lawful debts be paid & that my property be disposed of in the following manner — 2,

I give and bequeath to my Wife Nancy Godfrey during her life the plantation whereon I now reside together with all my stock of Horses Mules Cattle Sheep Hogs &c. Household & Kitchen furniture

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furniture & Stocks & Provisions) except. Such as she may not want
which I desire to be sold & I would recommend that the Stock of cattle
be reduced to such as she may actually need & in order to lessen the
expenses of the Plantation as much as possible, I also recommend
that the younger part of the Negroes be divided among my Children
my Wife retaining such as she may prefer - I also give to my Wife all
my farming & plantation tools

Item After the death of my Wife I desire that my Executors shall
sell my lands, Stocks, provision, &c on such time as they may deem
most advisable & if their should not be a sufficiency to pay my
debts I desire that the Negroes be hired out and the proceeds be ap-
plied to the payment of my debts.

Item Should my Wife at any time think it advisable to sell the
plantation & the Stock thereon, then in such case I desire that my
Executors, shall do so on such time as to them may seem best.

Item After the payment of my debts I desire that the Negroes be
divided equally between my Children and Grand Children (my Grand
Children receiving as their Portion such share as their Father or
Mother would have been entitled to in the division, such Negroes as
any may have before received to be counted as a part of their share.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my Son William Godfrey and
my friend James Gillispie Executors to this my last Will and Testament

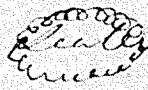
any may have before arrived to be counted as a part of their share.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my son William Godfrey and my friend James Gillespie Executors to this my last Will and Testament declaring this and no other to be such.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this thirtieth day of June in the year of our Lord One ^{eight hundred} Thousand and forty three.

Signed Sealed, published & delivered by the Testator to be his last Will.

& Testament in presence of us, who in his presence and of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

W. Godfrey 

D. A. Covington Jr.

S. A. P. Covington

W. M. Moten

State of North Carolina

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Court of Pleas and quarter
Sept Term 1844

The last Will and Testament of Thomas Godfrey Dec^d was exhibited in open Court and was proven in due form of law by D. A. Covington one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and
Ordered to be recorded.

Hugh Stuart C. C.