

William Potts last Will + Testament

I William Potts of the County of Union County and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First that my Executors (herein after named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all my funeral expences together with Just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate.

Item I give and devise to my son John M Potts Eight hundred Dollars, also the negroes man Lee also one horse worth Eighty five Dollars also one bed and furniture the whole of which has been put in his possession

Item. I give and devise to my son R. C. Potts fifteen Hundred Dollars also one Horse worth eighty five dollars also one bed and furniture the whole of which has been put in his possession also I give to him One Hundred and fifty Dollars more for attention to my business - which sum I wish my Executors to pay to him in twelve months after my decease

Item, I give and devise to my daughter Lavinia M. Potts One Hundred Dollars to be paid to her twelve months after my

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(decease) also one negro Girl named Mary with the whole of her increase whether born heretofore or hereafter also one ~~beaver~~ ^{beaver}, also one bed and furniture, also one horse and saddle all of which has been put in her possession except the one hundred Dollars mentioned above

Item I give and devise to my Grandson James Morrow three negro Girls named Ellen Aulet and Margaret with the whole of their increase both heretofore and hereafter And it is my will that the said Girls remain in the possession of said James Morrow's father Allen Morrow until the said James Morrow shall arrive to the age of twenty one years I further will to the said James Morrow four hundred dollars in money which I will that my Executors pay over to James' father Allen Morrow twelve months after my decease which sum I wish Allen Morrow to pay over to his son James Morrow when he arrives to the age of twenty one years with Compound Interest thereon, It is further my will that should the said James Morrow die without lawful issue then and in that event the one half of the negro property thus willed to him shall revert back to my four Children (viz, John M Potts Robt L Potts Lavinia M Hume and William Mercers Potts

Item I give and devise to my son Wm Mercers Potts the Plantation whereon I now live together with the tracts of land bought of Friedrich Eggert sen Shadrach Bonds James Bonds William Potts Jr and that part of the land bought of R L Potts lying on the S^e east side of Six mile Creek adjoining the land of J A Potts

back to my four Children viz, John M Potts Rost & Potts Lancy
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whereon I now live together with the tracts of land bought of Friedrich Eggel
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bought of R & Potts lying on the S^e east side of Six mile Creek adjoining
the lands of J. A. Dunn and J. L. Robinson so as to include the whole
of that part of the tract that lies on the S^e east side of the Creek together
with the above mentioned tract to him and his heirs in fee simple
for ever I further give and devise to my son W. M. Potts six hundred
dollars in lieu of negroes willed to each of my other Children I
further will that my three negroes Rose Pon and the boy Charles bought
of Mr Springs be hired out yearly after my decease until my step son
G. L. Brown. arrives to the age of twenty one years at which time I wish
the above named three Negroes with their increase and income to be
equally divided between my son Wm M Potts and my step son G. L.
Brown and in case I should die the above named Negroes in my
lifetime I will that my Executors pay over to my son William M
Potts and my step son G. L. Brown to each of them six hundred dollars
also I will to my son W. M. Potts one eight day Clock.

I will that the whole of the balance of my property whether real
personal or perishable not willed or otherwise disposed of be put
to sale either publicly or privately as my Executors may think
most advisable and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided

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between my four Children John M Potts, R. C Potts Paricy McSwain
and William M Potts, And lastly. I do hereby constitute and
appoint my two Sons John M Potts and Robert C Potts my lawful
Executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will
and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the
same and every Part and Clause thereof hereby revoking and
declaring utterly void all other Wills and testaments by me heretofore
made.

In witness whereof I the said William Potts do hereunto set my hand
and seal this the 11th day of August A.D. 1852. Signed Sealed Published
and declared by the said William Potts to be his last will and testament
in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe
our names as witnesses thereto.

W. J. Patterson

R. G. Howard Secy.

William Potts (sub)

State of North Carolina Σ Court of Pleas & quarter sessions
Union County Σ October Term 1856

Then this instrument of writing the last will and testament of
William Potts was exhibited in Open Court and proved in the
form of Law by R. G. Howard a subscribing witness and ordered
to be recorded. Whereupon John M Potts & R. C Potts the subscribing
Executors therein named appeared in Open Court and was duly
sworn to execute the same, ordered by the Court that the same

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