

Bertie Co NC Frederick Lawrence's Will (dated 9 June 1823 Prob Nov 1823)

In the name of God amen I Frederick Lawrence of the State of North Carolina Bertie County being very weak and sick of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to god and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to Say princely and first of all I give and bequeath my Soul to the hands of almighty god that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent christian burial at the discretion of Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurection I Shall receive the Same again by the mighty power of God and as to toching Such worldly estate whenaseth it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give and bequeath of the Same as follows:

and first of all I give and bequeath unto my grandson Humphrey Lawrence one bed and furniture

Secondly my will is that the plantation and my land be sold and one negro fellow called Tom and two mahogany tables and one round foulding table mahogany and one Sett of Scott's Bible and one half of the water mill and the money arising there from for to pay a note of Mr Enoch Rayner that he holds of mine and the remainder of the money then from I give unto my grandson Humphrey Lawrence.

thirdly: My will and desire is that all my household and kitchen furniture and all the Stock be Sold and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my Son Reuben Lawrence and Judith Glauhon and my Grandson Humphrey Lawrence.

forthly: I give unto my Son Reuben Lawrence one old negro man Ben and the rest of the negroes that is not given away for to be equally divided between my Son Reuben and Elizabeth Rhodes and my daughter Judith Glauhon and my Grand Son Humphrey Lawrence.

And I do hereby constitute make and ordain my Son Reuben Lawrence and William Worley the whole Sole Executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby uterly de ? all others heretofore by me made ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament: In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 9th day of June in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three. *Frederick Lawrence* (seal)

Signed Sealed in the presents of us

Robert E Edens; Reuben Lawrence jun