

BERTIE COUNTY WILL - Fleetwood, Edmund, Sr. - 1818

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Will of EDMUND FLEETWOOD, SENIOR - 1818

In the name of God Amen I Edmund Fleetwood Senr of the County of Bertie & State of N Carolina being poorly in body but of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament.

Impremise I lend unto my dear and loving wife Winifred Fleetwood all my Buckellynbury land & buildings thereunto belonging during her natural life or widowhood and after her death to my Son Charles Fleetwood.

I also lend to her my wife one negroe girl named Lila and after her death she and her increase to be sold & the money to be equally divided between my Sons Aquilla Fleetwood, William Fleetwood, Charles Fleetwood and my daughter Sarah Leget;

I also lend to my wife one negroe woman named Joan, and after her death she & her increase, if any, to my Son Charles Fleetwood.

I also lend to my wife one negroe Boy named Harry, one named Simon and one negroe Girl named Betty. Harry after her death to my Son William Fleetwood; Simon after her death I gave to my daughter Sarah Leget; Betty after the death of my wife I gave to my Son William Fleetwood.

I also lend to my wife Two feather Beds and furniture, Two Cows & Calves; Two Ewes & Lambs, Three Sows & Pigs & choice of my horses; Desk & Book Case, one thousand pounds of pork and ten Barrells Corn and after her death the desk & book case I gave to my Son Charles;

I also gave to my Son William Fleetwood one boy named Ben and one girl named Merina to be delivered at my death;

I also gave to my Grand Children Martha & Edmund Dunstan one girl named Grace and if they die without an heir to come back into my family.

I also gave to my Son Charles one boy named York and one girl named Treaser;

I also gave to my Son Aquilla one negroe boy named Blunt and my land joining Robert Peterson, John Shaw & John Webb, being one hundred & fifty acres more or less lying in the ferry road;

I also gave my Son Edmund Fleetwood Junr. ten shillings. I also want Dest & Stephen and all my perishable property Sold to pay all my Just debts-----

I do hereby nominate & appoint my wife Winafred Fleetwood Executrix and my friend Benjm. Hardy Executor to this my last will & testament, in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this 6th day of Nov. Anodomino 1818----

EDMUND FLEETWOOD (seal)

Signed Sealed & acknowledged in presence of us:
Henry Francis
Charlotte Oxley

State of No Carolina }
Bertie county Court } February Term 1819---

This last will & testament of Edmd Fleetwood Senr was proved in open Court by the oath of Henry Francis, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded at the Same time. Benjm. Hardy qualified as Executor thereto---

Test..Thos Taylor (Tayloe?), Clk

Transcribed from a copy of the original handwritten document on file in the Superior Court of Bertie County, Windsor, NC.

NOTE to American genealogists of color: Edmund's son William Fleetwood removed to Chariton Co MO by 1821 and may have received the negro girl named Betty upon the death of his mother, Winifred, in 1840.

"Elizabeth" FLEETWOOD, black, age 65, b. NC, appears as head of household #646 in the 1870 Chariton Co MO census, with others appearing to have Fleetwood surname: James, 28; Simon, 20; Walter, 10; Richard, 7--all black, all b. MO.

In 1880 Chariton Co MO census, Town of Triplett, household #16: Surname W(...illegible), Ja(?)mes, black, age 42, farmer, b. NC and parents b. NC; PULLIAM, Walter, black, 18, son; PULLIAM, Richard, black, 16, son; GIVENS, Lewis, black, 16, nephew; GIVENS, Woodson, black, 16, nephew--all minors were b. MO; "Bettie" FLEETWOOD, black, age 73, b. NC and parents b. NC, relationship to head of household "mother".

In 1900 Betty FLEETWOOD, black, age 90, appears in Triplett, Chariton Co MO census! I have misplaced my transcript but promise you she is still there. I hope this information will be helpful.

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