

Bertie County NC Will of WARD, James - 1780

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Will of James WARD Bertie, NC

in the name of god amen the 13th day of April 1780 I James ward of the state of NC and the county of bertie being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto god, therefore calling unto 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 principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of god that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my ex nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of god and as toughing such worldly estate where with it have pleased god to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

imprimis I give and bequeath to my beloved dau Winne ward one land entry containing 175 a being on guire hall swamp and money enough to be raised our of my estate to save the said land and one negro boy named Simon to delivered to her as soon as she arrived to the age of 21 years or marriage and one negro man named admiral and one negro boy named Arthur and one two yr. old mear I give to be sold for her and my horse called genius and my stock of cattle that is now in possession of George hows all which I give to her and her heirs and assigns forever item I give and bequeath unto my wf Martha ward one good feather bed and furniture and her choice of three head of horse kind and 5 bushels of salt and 10 head of sheep and three cows and calves and one two yr. old steer and all my stock of hogs and one pig and one weeding hoe and two cutting acex and one and addie and one bridle and half dozen chairs one iron pot one kettle one skillet one horse cart and wheels two linnen wheels one wooling wheel one frying pan one chest one boy iron, one bible one hymn book one table and cloth and half of my pewter one washing tub one pail and the corn and meat that is now in my houses except the meat of three hogs one stock of bees all my table knives and forks and half the geese one loom and gear all my syder casks and brandy barrels and all my raw hides that is now on my plantation one meal sive to be at her disposal forever and I likewise lend unto her ll in the south corner of my plantation till my daughter Susanna ward shall arrive to the age of 21 yrs or marriage and the dwelling houses and my plantation form my old apple orchard enduring her natural life and one negro woman named jude I lend unto her during her life

item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susanna ward that part of my land joining upon James sowels land cornering upon his line abt 200 yds from a great tarkiln bed running across my lands squar from thence across my pig pen path to flat place thereto corner running form thence to the mouth of little branch on the east side of the bear branch thence running along a low flat round to the fence thence across my monour plantation just taking in my old apple orchard so running to the main run to the looking swamp and one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs and assigns forever I give and bequeath unto the child that is now unborn which my wf Martha ward is big with the new patten land lying upon the quarter branch to be delivered to it at the age of twenty one yr. and my monour plantation and dwelling houses and the remaining of my land after my dau Susanna ward has her part to be delivered to the death of my wf Martha ward

and the rest of my new patten land and the apple orchard in the south corner of my plantation and the increase of my negro woman jude I give to be equally divided between the child unborn and my dau Susanna ward to them and theirs heirs forever to be delived to them at the time that my dau Susanna ward shall arive to the age of 21 yrs and my negro woman named jude I give to be delivered unto them the child unborn and my dau Susanna ward at the death of my wf Martha ward to the mand their heirs for ever

item I give and bequeath unto my beloved dau Penelope Clifton one shilling sterling money to be raised and levied out of my estate the remaining part of my estate after all just depts is paid I give to be equally divided between the other 2 or if 2 of them should die without issue of their natural bodies I give their parts of my estate to the other one and heirs forever

and my desire that when john boyce pays of his bond that my ex give him a deed for his land whereon he lives I likewise give unto my wf Martha ward all the money that is due to me from Nathan tart to be at her disposal

and I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends William cherry and Solomon cherry my sole ex of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and sisanul all and every other former testament wills legacies and bequests and ex by me in any ways before named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in wit whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Wit: James sowell, jr., George jornagan hodum, jr. Ektratim jenkins
bertie CO cot 11-1780; proved by James sowell, George hodum

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