

Bertie County North Carolina Will Fleetwood, William-1798

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WILL OF WILLIAM FLEETWOOD The SECOND

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Fleetwood of the state of North Carolina and county of Bertie, Planter being of perfect mind and memory doth constitute and ordain this my last will and testament.

First of all I give my soul to almighty god, beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it, and my body to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of mherein after named. And as to my worldly estate I dispose of it in the following manner.

I will and bequeath to my son William Fleetwood one bed and furniture which he has already received.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Stanton one bed and furniture which she has already received.

I give and bequeath to my son John Fleetwood one bed and furniture which he has already received.

I give and bequeath to each of my other children one bed and furniture apiece. That is to say my sons Henry and Ashley, and my daughter Susannah, Mary, Elizabeth, and Penelope.

I give and bequeath to my sons Henry and Ashley my land and plantation whereon I now live to be divided between them in the following manner. Beginning at the persimmons tree in Ickee Nocholl's line, thence on a straight course to the south side or edge of a slack that makes out of Bucklesberry pocosin. Then down the south side or edge of pocosin slash to the edge of said pocosin, thence running a line into the pocosin to the in line or Elisha Ashburn's line, so as to equally divide the pocosin land between them. My son Henry to have that part on which his house stands, and my son Ashley to have the part whereon my house now stands. And if either of my sons Henry or Ashley should die without heirs of their body lawfully begotten that his or their land should be equally divided between my sons William and John.

I leave to well beloved wife Elizabeth all the rest and remaining part of my estate during her natural life or widowhood, and it is my will and desire that she should live with her family where I now live during her life of widowhood.

I give all the rest and remaining part of my estate (that is not given away already) to be equally divided between my sons William and John and my daughters Susannah, Mary, Ann, Elizabeth and Penelope after their

mothers decease or marriage to them and their heirs forever.

ITEM: And lastly I constitute and appoint my sons William Fleetwood and John Fleetwood and my well beloved wife Elizabeth Fleetwoof this will, utterly revoking all former wills, and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness there I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of February Domino, 1798.

William Hardy  
Edward Fleetwood

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