

1839 in that case I give devise and bequest unto my children Sarah Whitaker & Ann Mason, and the Children that my child Mary Gregory may have as the property given to my separate daughters viz. Royal Gregory Hamilton & others an measure shall be taken of my estate left one third to Sarah Whitaker & her issue and the balance to be divided between the Children that Mary Gregory may have at such time I then may I do appoint my good friend James Whitaker Executor of my last will & Testament in full power thereof I have so my hand Seal this 22nd day of August 1835

James Whitaker also declared to be the last will & Testament of the Estate in presence of J. Whitaker James & Belle

Martha B Darden

22nd day of August 1835 The two wills are contained in open Court was duly proved by the Oath of John Whitaker one of the witnesses thereto On which Court to be Thomas Whitaker James Whitaker the Executor named Came in and was duly qualified thereto

J. Doyl

From Mrs. Bess White

In the Name of God Amen I Anne Matthews of the County of Halifax State of North Carolina being in a low state of health and feeling that it is appointed for me to die I have recommended my body to be buried after a simple manner and my soul to God who gave it - Hoping He will raise both soul & body to life eternal as the promise of the resurrection and for my heavenly goods of his pleasure I give to my wife I Anne all my last debts to pay & the residue I dispose in the manner following

I give unto my son Guilford Matthews One Negro boy by the name of Jacob the sum of Twenty Dollars

I give unto my son Willie the sum of Twenty Dollars

I give unto my son Isaac the sum of Twenty Dollars

For the residue of my property both personal & real my devise is to my wife to sell and equally divide of among John & Mary Matthews John & Mary and I further have devised to Mary & John the sum of ten dollars and I further have devised all other as aforesaid by my last will and Testament establishing all this as aforesaid my hand Seal this 13th day of June 1835

Ann F Matthews

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