

I Shadrack Roberts of the County of Orange and State of North Carolina being of Sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and following that is to say

First - That my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my Just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item - I give and devise to my beloved wife Rebecca Roberts the Tract of land whereon I now live containing one Hundred and Six acres also one other tract known as the Lewis Roberts tract containing Sixty acres and another Tract Known as the Jane Roberts land containing fifty acres all adjoining and another tract in Granville county containing Sixty two acres also all my entire Stock of Horses Cattle hogs Sheep domestic fowls and poultry all my beds and every ? of household and Kitchen furniture the family carriage and all my farming utensils of every kind all the crop of every description that may be upon the plantation above named and all the provisions on hand at the time of my death and I desire it to be understood that the property above named and given to my beloved wife Rebecca Roberts is to remain unsold during her natural life and to be ? by her as her comfort and necessities may require my Executor hereinafter named to have no control over said property during her said Rebecca Roberts natural life or by so much thereof as may be necessary to raise funds sufficient to satisfy all my debts and defray all expenses in case there should not be enough owing to me at the time of my death to answer that purpose and in case there should be a surplus left over and above the payment of debts and expenses that such surplus shall be paid over to my said wife to be hers and at her disposal so far as it may be necessary to render her comfortable and should the said Rebecca Roberts at any time become dissatisfied with any of the above named property she by my will is at liberty to sell such of said property as may be for her comfort & convenience and the title conveyed by my wife Rebecca Roberts shall be valid to all intents and purposes I desire it distinctly understood that all the above named property is to belong to my wife Rebecca Roberts and for her use during her natural life only

Item - My will and desire is that my Executor hereinafter named as soon as possible after the death of my beloved wife Rebecca Roberts proceed to sell after giving due notice at public auction on a credit of six months all the property thus remaining of the above named estate both real and personal and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts and expense it is my desire that such surplus should be divided into six equal parts and paid over to my six children or to their bodily heirs as follows to my son Mark V Roberts or his bodily heirs the one Sixth part of the surplus to my son Lewis Roberts or his bodily heirs the one Sixth part of the surplus to my Daughter Frances C Veazy or to her bodily heirs the one Sixth part of the surplus to the heirs of my deceased Daughter Susan ? Brooks the one Sixth part to my Daughter Melinda or her bodily heirs the one Sixth part and the one Sixth part to be paid over to the bodily heirs of my deceased Daughter Mary Ann Tilly so that each one of my six children or their bodily heirs share and share alike to them and each of them absolutely forever. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Dennis Tilly my lawful executor all intents and purposes or meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore

made In witness whereof I the said Shadrack Roberts do hereunto set my  
have and seal this 20th day of July 1865.

Signed sealed published and )  
declared by the said Shadrack )  
(seal)

his  
Shadrack x Roberts

Roberts to be his last will )  
and testament in the presence )  
of us who at his request and )  
in his presence do subscribe )  
? as witnesses thereto

mark

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Gaston Roberts

Orange County Court Augt Term 1865

The Execution of the foregoing last will and Testament Shadrack Roberts  
dec'd was duly proved in open court and ordered to be recorded

See minutes

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