

North Carlina
Caswell County,
1665-1998
Original Wills 1826

I Griffin Gunn of Caswell County in the State of North Carolina do make and ordain this to be my Last Will and Testament.

Imprimis: I lend unto my beloved wife Dorothy M. Gunn for and during the terms of her natural life, part of the tract of land I now live upon. It being that part allotted to James Ingram in the division of the land of his Father Benjamin Ingram dec'd between said James, John Whalton Ingram, containing 213 and one third acres as well appear from the records of Caswell County Court.

I also lend unto my said wife one ninth part of my negroes or if she should have one or more children before my death, and equal proportion with all my living children at my death for and during the said term of her natural life.

Item: the balance of my land I wish to be sold at one, two, and three years credit is safe hands and the money arising from the sale thereof, I wish to be equally divided between all my living children at my death.

I also give unto the said children the balance of my negroes to be equally divide between them. However, I wish no division to take place until my son James M. Gunn arrives to the age of twenty one years. He may then have his part divided and I wish the balance to remain together to be divided in like manner as each child comes of age or marrys (sic)

Item: the balance my property I wish to be sold and

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and after paying my debts out of the same, the balance to be equally divided between my wife and all my children.

Item: the land and negroes I have loaned to my wife after her death I wish to equally divided between all my children in the same manner as the other property I have give them.

Item: It is my Will if any of my children should die without lawful heir, that their property or legacy should be equally divided between their surviving brothers and sisters.

Witness my hand and seal the 4th May 1825.

Griffin Gunn - seal
B. Tang
Azariah Graves

on the 23 day of March 1825, I the said Griffin Gunn being weak in body and of sound mind and memory do make the following as a codicil to my said last will and testament which I wish that remain a part of my will to all interest and purpose.

I will and devise that my wife Dorothy M. Gunn still if she thinks proper and if will be beneficial to herself, my family, sell and dispose of the tract of land I have lent her for her lifetime. In case she does so the purchase money for the same must be rated in another tract a piece of land for her use whatever for which the said tract is devised in my will and at her death I will and devise that the said land so purchased by her, still be equally divided between all my children in the same manner as the other property I have given them.

Witness my hand and seal on the day and year aforesaid.

B. Lang, Azariah Graves.....Griffin Gunn seal Recorded in Record L. Page 77