

Will of John Gunn - Caswell County

Brother to Thomas Gunn II

1863

I John Gunn of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina do make and declared this my last will and testament.

Item 1st - I give to by beloved wife Huldah everything I own of my description during her natural life, and I give her two thousand dollar in Bank Stock in the Yanceyville also my household and kitchen furniture absolutely.

Item 2nd - After the death of my wife I give to Peggy Wildon and her children five negroes namely Jude, Dines, Victoria, Lem, and Tommy and their increase absolutely.

Item 3rd - Should my wife die before I do then I give one thousand dollars of the Bank Stock in the Yanceyville Bank to John Franklin McKee to him and his heirs forever and the other thousand dollars of the Yanceyville Bank stock to Dr. Daniel B. Gunn of Mississippi. Note: This could be David B. Gunn of Mississippi

Item 4th - I give to John F. McKee and his heirs forever one thousand dollars absolutely.

Item 5th - I give the remainder of my property not disposed of in special legacies to James Gunn Tanner, William B. Boone, Aldridge Holt Arthur Holt and Joseph E Pinnick to share and share alike in the balance of my property.

Item 6th - The property I give to James Gunn (Tanner) I want him to hold during his natural life and after his death to go to his two sons, Asolphus and Linwood to them and their heirs forever.

Item 7th The portion I give to William B. Boone, after his death to go to his daughter Huldah Boone and her children forever.

Item 8th - The negroe girl Suey that I loaned to Huldah....? during my natural life I want her her their increase to be returned to my estate after my death.

Item 9th. it is my wish that my executors hereinafter appoint have a marble slab put at the head and foot of my grave and beloved wife Huddah and I want the following inscription on the head slab of my grave - birth and death also.

**Here lies an honest farmer
A poor mans friend
and a rich mans patron**

I want my grave enclosed with substantial iron railing

Item 10th H. Doderidge and Arthur Holt should die before their mother Suey Holt I will to them. I want it to go to Mrs. Suey Holt their mother.

Item 11th. It is my will that my executors that my old and faithful servants should be well and humanely treated and that they do not suffer for anything and that they be well taken care of during their lives.

Item 12th - I appoint James McKee and Joseph Pinnit Executors of my last will and testament, under my hand and seal the 22nd of September 1862

F Graves Jurat

J L McKee Jurat

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John Gunn Sr.