

North Carolina
Caswell County,

Will of Daniel Gunn

In the name of God I Daniel Gunn of Caswell County being of sound mind do make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other by me heretofore made

Item 1st: I wish in the first place that my executor pay all my just debts.

Item 2: I bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Margaret H. Gunn all the negroes and their increase both those born and those hereafter to be born that my wife owned and possessed at the time of our marriage to have and to hold to her and her heirs forever. My desire being that my wife shall have the negroes and the increase of said negroes which she brought into marriage and which I may own at the time of my death.

Item 3rd: I devise to my beloved wife a portion of the tract of land upon which I now live forever during her lifetime only bounded as follows, beginning at a branch near a rock cliff on Nat Hunts line, running with his line to the Dan river, hence down the river below a branch about twenty yards, thence southwardly to a black Gum near the stockyard, thence eastwardly to a fence near some plum trees and peach trees, thence southwardly between two tobacco houses on the lane between the dwelling house, thence to a large cliff of rock on a branch, thence up said branch to the first station including the dwelling house; but my will is that if my wife desires it, she shall have in lieu of the above land for life and in full satisfaction of all claims upon my real estate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, absolutely and forever.

Item 4: I give and bequeath to my wife a years provision, one half of the household furniture and the whole of the kitchen furniture, two horses, one half dozen heads of cattle, one cart, and steers if there is such on the plantation.

Item 5: I give and bequeath to James and Allen Gunn fifteen hundred dollars to lend out the same and apply the interest of it to the education and maintenance of my grand daughter Sally C. Hodge, daughter of Henry Hodge and should she marry to pay the sum over to her and her husband, but if she died without marrying then my will is that the said fifteen hundred dollars and whatever interest may be expelled and paid over upon the same conditions and held for the same purposes as the rest of my estate to be hereinafter bequeathed and devised. This I give her in addition to what I have already by deed given to her.

Item 6th: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah A. Watkins all the negroes and their present and future increases to her and heirs that I have put into her possession by way of advancement

Item 7: I give to James and Allen Gunn all bonds, notes, money accounts, one half of household furniture, the cattle stock and the land and negroes indisposed of and in fact, all my property not herein specifically bequeathed for them to rent it out, sell it, or manage in such way as they may think prudent and advisable or in other words, to manage said property both real and personal as I

could do were I living for the following purpose. That is to say, that the said trustees are to give and afford my said daughter Sarah and such children as she may have a full sufficient and ample support and maintenance and in order to do this may sell property if required and the receipt of the said Sarah shall be to them a sufficient voucher of said payments; and should my said daughter die leaving child or children or the heirs of such then my Will is for the said Allen and James Gunn to convey all said property both real and personal of every kind to said children or the issue of said children. The issue to take such share of the same parent would have taken had they been living but should she died without children or issue then my Will is that the said property both real and personal be equally divided among the brothers and sisters I have living at the time of my death. My desire and Will is that the land given to my wife after her death be held by the said trustees in like manner as the property in this clause. My Will further is that my said trustees shall out of said property not only support the children of Sarah but shall educate them and pay all reasonable expenses costs and charges for the same: and my said trustees are hereby authorized if they think it prudent and best to permit said Sarah and her children to live on said plantation an use the negroes for their support and education, but in this the said trustees may exercise their own judgment and Discretion.

Item 8: I hereby Nominate and appoint James Gunn and Allen Gunn, executors of this my last Will and Testament. This the 14th of Oct 1854

Dan'l Gunn seal

Wit: Tho C. Bower
D. W. Wilkinson