

**Will, NC, Chatham, James BYNUM 1842**

In the name of God, Amen.

I **JAMES BYNUM**, of the County of Chatham and state of North Carolina, being in a low state but sound in mind and memory as usual, thanks be to God for it, do make, ordain and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (viz.):

1<sup>st</sup> I commend my soul to God who gave it and that my body be decently buried at the burying ground of my family.

2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid.

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my son **JOHN WESLEY BYNUM**, in addition to what I have heretofore given him, one dollar.

4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter **TABITHA [BYNUM] WARD**, in addition to what I have heretofore given her, a certain Negro boy that I have heretofore placed in her care by the name of JACKSON, to her and her heirs forever.

5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son **GRAY BYNUM** one hundred and fifty dollars to make him equal with his other brothers in the division of my lands, to him and his heirs forever.

6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter **MARY [BYNUM] HATCH**, in addition to what I have heretofore given her, a certain negro girl by the name of ADALINE, to her and her heirs forever.

7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to the lawful children of my son **THOMAS S. BYNUM** the tract or parcel of land on which the said **THOMAS** now lives, it being the west end of the **PARKER** tract,

Beginning at a Persimmon tree on the Windfall branch running North **WILLIAM BLAND**'s and my line to a Post Oak; thence near west to a White Oak; thence south to the Windfall branch; thence with the meanderings of the same to the first station.

Containing about ninety eight acres be the same, more or less. And also all that part of the tract of land purchased of **THOMAS INCHES** that lies on the south side of the Windfall branch supposed to contain about seventy three acres be the same, more or less, to them and their heirs forever, reserving in this gift to my son **THOMAS BYNUM** a privilege right to the above named land and premises during his natural life or so long as he may think proper to state thereon.

8<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son **FRANCIS C. BYNUM**, in addition to what I have given him heretofore, all the remaining part of my lands I have not heretofore give away, with the exception of about twenty four acres on the east side of **PARKER**'s Creek adjoining **AUGUSTUS W. BYNUM**, to him and his heirs forever.

9<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son **AUGUSTUS W. BYNUM**, in addition to what I have heretofore given him, the remaining twenty four acres as above stated on the east side of **PARKER**'s creek, to him and his heirs forever.

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10<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter **SUSAN [BYNUM] CLARK**, in addition to what I have heretofore given her, a certain negro girl name ALIA, to her and her heirs forever.

11<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughters, above named (viz.) **TABITHA [BYNUM] WARD, MARY [BYNUM] HATCH** and **SUSAN [BYNUM] CLARK** all my household and kitchen furniture, all my stock of horses, cattle, and hogs to be equally divided between them, to them and their heirs forever.

12<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my sons, in addition to which I have heretofore given them, namely **GRAY BYNUM, THOMAS BYNUM, FRANCIS C. BYNUM** and **AUGUSTUS W. BYNUM** all the residue of my property, both real and personal, not heretofore given away, to be equally divided amongst them as they may think proper, to them and their heirs forever.

13<sup>th</sup> and Lastly I do hereby nominate, appoint and ordain my two sons **FRANCIS C. BYNUM** and **AUGUSTUS W. BYNUM** or either of them, my executor or executors to this my last will, revoking all other wills by me made and acknowledging this and this only to be my last will and testament in manner and form as above stated.

In witness I, the said **JAMES BYNUM**, doth hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this twenty sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

**JAMES BYNUM** {seal}

Test

**THOMAS BELL**

**JAMES CLARK** [Note: **SUSAN BYNUM** m. **ELIJAH CLARK**]

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North Carolina  
Chatham County

August Term 1842

This certifies that the foregoing last will and testament of **JAMES BYNUM**, deceased, was proved in open court by the oaths of **THOMAS BELL & JAMES CLARK**, the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded, whereupon **FRANCIS C. BYNUM & AUGUSTUS W. BYNUM**, the executors therein named, appeared in open court & were duly qualified.

Test

**NATHAN ALEXANDER STEDMAN, CCC**

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