

Will, NC, Northampton, William Reavis 1784

In the name of God amen.

This thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord and thousand seven hundred and eighty four, I **WILLIAM REAVIS** of Northampton County and state of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but in perfect senses & sound memory blessed be God for the same but calling to mind the mortality of my body and the certainty of death make this my last will and testament as followeth as unto God as a faith full creator and my body unto the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors in hope of resurrection to eternal life by the free grace and mercy of God through the merits of his Dear son the Lord Jesus Christ my only savior and redeemer.

In the next place I nominate, constitute and appoint **BENJAMIN LASHLEY** and my wife **MARY REAVIS** & **AVERY PARHAM** my executors of this my last will and testament.

ITEM my will and desire is that all my just debts be paid.

ITEM I lend for the use of all the lands that I have to my well beloved wife **MARY REAVIS** during her widowhood and in case she should marry my will and desire is that she shall have only from the old Road to the Branch called the old spring Branch which is to be a dividing line between my two sons **WILLIAM REAVIS** and **SAMUEL REAVIS**.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **ISAAC REAVIS** one piece or parcel of land lying on Neuse River containing three hundred and ten acres a tract that I bought of **LEWIS BARKER** also on filly saddle and bridle and one cow and calf also one sow and pigs. These things I give to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM REAVIS** all the land lying over the old Spring Branch of the north side and of the west side of the Wild Cat Branch. Also one horse, saddle and bridle to be valued at 15 or 16 pounds Virginia money. Also one cow and calf. Also sow and pigs and these to be given to him at twenty years and he to be free at the same time. These things I give and bequeath to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **SAMUEL REAVIS** all the remainder of this tract of land that I live on from the said old Spring Branch to the Great River. Also one horse, saddle and bridle & they to be valued to 15 or 16 pounds Virginia money and one cow and calf, one sow and pigs and these things to be given to him at twenty years old and he to be free at the same time. These things I give and bequeath to him and his heirs forever.

And in case either of my two sons, that is **WILLIAM** & **SAMUEL REAVIS**, should die and leave no child that lives to come of age is that the other that survives may have all the land that I gave them.

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Also my will and desire is that if my son **ISAAC REAVIS** should die leaving no child that may live to come of age is that the land I gave him on Neuse may be sold and the money to be equally divided between all my children that are living or has any children living.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **FRANKEY REAVIS** twenty five pounds Virginia money or the value in such things as my suit her. This I give to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **MARY PRITCHARD REAVIS** twenty five pounds Virginia money or the value in such things as my suit her. These to be delivered to both of my daughters when they marry or come of age.

ITEM I lend all the rest of my estate to my well beloved wife **MARY REAVIS** during her life or widowhood to raise and school my young children upon and after her decease to be equally divided between all my daughters that are then living or have any issue that are then living. That is now **LEAH HUSKEY, BETSY PARHAM, FRANKEY REAVIS** and **MARY P. REAVIS**, and in case either of my daughters should die before leaving issue my will and desire is that the rest of my daughters that are living may have their part or portion. Also my will and desire is that in case my wife **MARY REAVIS** should marry that then all the estate that remains after my two daughters legacies come out and my two youngest sons shall be equally divided among my daughters only my wife to have an equal part them.

And I do renounce all other wills, spoke or done by me, this to stand and remain as my last will and testament.

And I do nominate, constitute and appoint **BENJAMIN LASHLEY** and **AVERY PARHAM** and my wife **MARY REAVIS** executors of this my last will and testament and I do authorize and empower each of them to make **WILLIAM HARRISON** a deed to a piece of land that I gave my bond to **ROLAND WILLIAMS**, for and my will and desire is that it may stand good and lawful. Also a little piece to **JOHN HAGWOOD** the day and year first above written.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal

WILLIAM REAVIS

Signed, sealed in presence of us

AVERY PARHAM
ISAAC REAVIS
JOHN PARHAM
... **WALLACE**

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