

Will of Noel Knight – 1851

I, Noel Knight, of the County of Wake and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say;

Item 1st. I give and devise to my son Wilburn all of my tract of land lying North of the branch which heads near W. G. Strickland's stables and empties into Neuse River to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item 2nd. I give and devise to my son Peter so much of my land as is bounded as follows: to wit, beginning at his and my corner in W. G. Strickland's to a corner which I chopped some twelve years ago to mark out land for my son Peter, thence Southward with a line chopped at the same time and for the same purpose to the big path leading from my house to the Raleigh and Rolesville road, thence with said path in the direction of my house to an old line which was formerly the line between William Hinton and myself, thence Southward with said old line to my present line, thence Westward with my line and afterwards following the various boundaries of my land to the beginning, and including the land on which my son Peter now lives to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item 3rd. I give and devise to my wife Amy all the residue of my land after taking out the devise above mentioned to have and to hold to her the said Amy for and during the term of her natural life, in satisfaction for, and in lieu of her down and thirds of all in all my real estate.

Item 4th. The land, in which by the last item I have given my wife a life estate, I give and devise, (except the said life estate), to my two sons Wilburn and Peter to have and to hold to them and their heirs forever.

Item 5th. I lend to my daughter Adeline Rogers a Negro slave named Margaret and all her increase from the date of this will for the term of my said daughter's natural life, and after her death the said Negro and said increase I desire shall be equally divided between all of her children then living, to have and to hold to them and their executors forever: unless any of my said daughter's children shall have died before her leaving issue alive at the time her death; then said issue shall receive the portion that its parent would have received and said parent been living at said Adeline's death.

Item 6th. I lend to my daughter Sarah Ligon a Negro slave named Penny and all of her increase from the date of this will for the term of my said daughter's natural life, and after her death the said Negro and said increase I desire shall be equally divided between all of her children then living, to have and to hold to them and their executors forever: unless any of my said daughter's children shall have died before

her leaving issue alive at the time of her death; then said issue shall receive the portion that its parent would have received, had said parent been living at said Sarah's death.

Item 7th. I lend to my daughter Amy Demarius a Negro slave named Lydia and all her increase from the date of this will for the term of my said daughter's natural life, and after her death the said Negro & said increase I desire shall be equally divided between all of her children then living to have and to hold to them and their executors forever: unless any of my said daughter's children shall have died before her leaving issue alive at the time of her death; then said issue shall receive the portion that its parent would have received, had said parent been living at said Amy Demarius' death.

Item 8th. I lend to my daughter Helen Jackson a Negro slave named Lucy and all her increase from the date of this will for the term of my said daughter's natural life, and after her death the said Negro and said increase I desire shall be equally divided between all of her children then living to have and to hold to them and their executor's forever: unless any of my said daughter's children shall have died before her leaving issue alive at the time of her death; then said issue shall receive the portion that its parent would have received, had said parent been living at said Helen's death.

Item 9th. All the residue of my estate of what kind soever after the payment of debts and expenses and the above mentioned legacies and devisees, I lend to my wife Amy for the term of her natural life, and after her death the said residue (or so much as shall remain of it) I desire shall be divided between all of my children so that my sons portions of it shall be equal and my daughter's portions of it shall be equal but at the same time so that each daughter's portion shall be four hundred dollars in value more than each son's portions.

Item 10th. I hereby appoint my two sons Wilburn and Peter Executors to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the said Noel Knight do here unto set my hand and seal on this the 12th day of September A.D. 1851

Signed, sealed, published and declared
by the said Noel Knight to be his last will
and testament in the presence of us
who at his request and in his presence
do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Noel Knight (seal)

Alphem Jones
W G Strickland

(On back of will)

**Nights Noel
Will**

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