

Will of Robert Mansell

Stokes Co., NC, Will Book 3, p. 33:

In the name of God, Amen, I Robert Mansell, of Stokes County and the State of North Carolina, being in perfect health and mind and memory, thanks be to the Almighty God for the same, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life and knowing that is appointed for all men once to die, I so make and ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be burried in a Christian like manner at the discession of (my) executors hereafter named, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life-----

I give divise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, that is to say: In the first place I will and so ordain that all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid. And it is my will and pleasure to lend to my beloved wife all my lands and all my movable property that she thinks proper to keep during her natural life, and what she does not choose to keep to be sold at public sale, and all the hard money that is found in her hand to remain in her hands for her support and maintainance during her natural life, and all the paper money that is found in her hands at my decease to be put out at interest at the discession of my Executors, hereafter named, and (after) her decease and mine, all my property to be sold at public sale and Equally divided between my sons Richard Mansell, Robert Mansell, James Mansell, and my daughters Elizabeth Crosswhite, Mary James, and Frances James, only first redacting from my six children what they already had by book account, and it (is) my will and pleasure to leave to my son John Mansell deceased, one dollar, and further more it is my will and pleasure that my son Richard Mansell shall take the part of my Estate that will fall to my son Robert Mansell into his care, without interest, to pay out to my son Robert Mansell at certain times as my son Richard Mansell thinks proper. And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Mansell executrix and my beloved friends Daniel Wolf & Jacob Conrad executors of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills, Legacies or executors by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and no other (to) be my last will and Testament, in witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this fifth day of April in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred & nineteen.

Acknowledged signed &  
sealed as my last will  
and Testament in the  
presents of us

C. Lask ( ? )  
Henry Hauser  
Lewis Lask

Robert Mansell (Seal)

Stokes County Court June Term 1819

The executors of the last will and Testament of Robert Mansell, deceased, of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open court by C. Lask and ordered to be registered.

Matthew R. Moore, C.C.  
by C. S. Banner DC.

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