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Will of Sherwood Gadde

In the of God Amen I Sherwood Gadde of Bedford County being imperfect of health and in sound mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament that is to day Principally and first I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God who gave it and my body to Earth from whence it was to taken to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors that at the general resurection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate whare with it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life I give devise and bequeath in the following manner. Item I lend unto my loving wife Mary Gadde during her widowhood the Plantation & lands where on I now live also my Negroes James, Ben, Pat, & Nancy also my Horses Cattle Hogs & Sheep also my Beds & kitchen furniture also the whole of all the property I may decd (?) pursest with reyal and persinal all the Plantation utensils all moneys on hand and due or may heare after become due during her Life or widowhood and at her decease to be devided as follows. Item it is my desire that my Estate should be equally divided among my children charging each one with what they have had so to make & equal division it is my desire that my son Joseph should take James at valuation that is to say what two good men should say heis worth at the time he received him also my daughter Hannah Bures should take Ben on the same turms also Polley Gadde Nancy on the same turms Also Elizabeth Gadde Martha on the same turms if it is her wish to take them on them turms Otherwise to be sold & the money to be equally devided _____ I do constitute & appoint my Dear Wife Mary Gadde Exectrix and son Joseph & Charles Bright Jun my Exectors of this my last Will & Testament In Witness where I have heare unto set my hand and Seal this eighth day of April eighteen hundred & two Signed Sealed & published

Shearwood Gadde (SEAL)

in presents of
E. Perkins
Richard Gilliam

April 8th 1802 This day have charge each of my Children with what the have had - - - William Gadde to the Estate of Shearwood Gadde

To a Tract of Land 50.00.00
To a mare L5 Cow & calf L3 one Hog 20/ 9.00.00
To Pewter 15/Tools 15/ 1.00.00

Rebecker Barker
To accounts L4 To Cash L30 34.00.00

Joseph Gadde
To 1 Horse Colt L5 to 1 Jeffer 20/ to Sow 15 06.15.00
To Pewter 15/ 15.00

Hannah Burress
To 1 Horse L12 To 1 Cow & Calf L3 15.00.00
To 1 Sheep 20/ To Pewter 15/ 01.15.00

Jenney Whiten

To 1 Horse L12 To 1 feather Bed L12 24.00.00

To 1 Cow & Calf L3 Heffer 20/ 4.00.00

To 2 Sheep 20/ To Pewter 15/ 1.15.00

Polley Gadde

To 1 mare 6.00.00

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse thie 26th day of September 1803

This last Will & Testament of Shearwood Gadde was exhibited in Court by Joseph Gadde one of the Executors therein named and proved by the oath of Elisha Perkins & Richard Gilliam & ordered to be recorded & on the motion of the said Exor who made Oath & together with Thomas Longwood Elisha Perkins & Isaac Otey his securities entered into & acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of five Thousand Dollars conditions according to Law certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in (_____) form liberty being reserved the other Executor herein named to join in the same when they shall think fit.

Teste J Steptoe CBC