

Henry Jernigan's Will
Bertie County, NC
s/o Thomas & Ann Elizabeth (Arlington) Jernigan
See: Chapter 10

In the name of God Amen. The 9th. day of May 1736— I Henry Jernigan of ye precinct of Bertie in ye county of Albemarle in North Carolina. Planter being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God therefore calling to mind ye mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do 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 Ye gave it and body I recommend to ye earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at ye discretion of my exeutors nothing doubting but at ye general resurrection I shall receive ye sane again by ye mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of ye same in ye following manner and form:

Impremis- I give and bequeath to Phebe my dearly beloved wife 140 acres of land lying at Cashs that I bought of Henry Overstreet and William Jones and ye bed and ye—one new sheet and one quilt and one rug.

Item: I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Henry Jarnigin 80 acres of land more or less, it being the plantation he now lives on beginning at a pine Joseph Blackman's corner thence along a line of marked trees to a white oak afore and aft tree of John Blackman. I also give to him and his heirs my negro woman Rose and her increase from this time forward and two cows and calves and one ewe and lamb.

Item: I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Jacob Jarnigin and his my plantation I now live on it being for 80 acres more or less, beginning at a pine Joseph Blackmans corner thence to a red oak James Tudors corner in ye pine Iceland but I reserve ye use of ye half of this land plantation and orchard to my wife with wood and timber for her use during ye time she will live on it. I also give to him and his heirs my negro woman Hanna and all her increase from this time forward and ye bed he lies on, one chest and a calico quilt and four cows and -calves and two teaspoons— or ye— and ye gray horse I bought of Thomas Bunting and a—mare it runs at —. I also give him seven cows and pigs to him and a square table with draper cloth and a iron pot and a iron kettle. I also give him a hundred acres of land joining my wife's land at Cashs' to be at his disposing.

Item: I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Ann Janagan Jones my negro girl named Jude and her increase to her and her heirs and two sheep next spring if they do well and one cow and calf.

Item: I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Jesse Jernigan ye remainder part of my land ye lies between Heneries and Jacobs land it being for 60 acres more or less to him and his heirs I also give him my negro boy Arnold to him and his heirs and a new bed and sheet and cotton quilt I also give to him and his heirs my negro girl named Sue but her

first child lives to be two years old, I give to my son Dempsie and to my son Jesse I give one pot and —

Item: I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Dempsie and his heirs my plantation that I bought of Thomas Watson lying on Cashes' being for 200 acres more or less I also give to my son Dempsie and his a negro boy named Charles and a negro child of two years old before mentioned a new bed and foot and a cotton quilt to be issued out of my estate one small chest and one Iron Pot and a case of bottles and a young mare ye runs at

Item: I give to Henery Dubbons his freedom upon provision he discharges me of a suit of clothes I owe to him at his freedom. I laso give him ye bed he now lies on and ye furniture and his working clothes and a hundred acres of land to him and his heirs being part of a tract of land at Cashie' if my son Jacob has a part of a certain black horse he now rides and two sows and pigs.

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Phebe my four saddle horses and all my movable estate within and without to her proper use except the cattle and sheep and them to be divided between my wife and my son Jesse and my son Dempsie when Jesse is 16 years old each an equal share also to my wife I give the use of my negro man Ruben four years and then to return to my son Jacob and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Henry Jarnigan whom I make and ordain my executor to this my last will and testament all my land messages and tenaments belong to Summerton Creek on ye North side in Virginia. I also desire that my wife and my son Jacob may have ye use of my son Dempsie plantation till he comes of ye age of 16 years. I also make constiture and ordain my well beloved son Jacob Jernigan Executor with his brother henry and I do absolutely disavow revoke and reverse all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies and executives by me named by me before named willed and bequeathed ratifying this and no other to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written enter lined before assigned and sealed in presents of us,

Theophilus Williams
John Jernigan
Bennet Blackman, Juret

Probated, August Court 1736

