

Will of William Atkins D&W Bk. Vol. 11 p.136

Dated Jan 22, 1784 probated March 15, 1784

..... In the name of God amen this twenty second day of January in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and eighty four I ----William Atkins of the County of Pittsylvania being weak of body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God my maker for it do constitute and ordain this to be my last will and testament disannulling all other will or wills do constitute and commit my body to the Earth from whence it was taken and my soul to God who gave it in sure and certain hopes of the resurrection.

.....Item I give and bequeth unto my daughter Elisabeth Shockley one shilling Sterling which I give to her and her heirs forever.

.....Item I give and bequeth unto my daughter Bidey Witcher one shilling Sterling, which I give to her and her heirs forever.

.....Item I give and bequeth unto my daughter Agness Polley one Shilling Sterling which I give to her and her heirs forever.

.....Item I give and bequeth unto my daughter Nancy Witcher one Shilling Sterling which I give to her and her heirs forever.

.....Item I give and bequeth unto my daughter Sarah Parsons one Shilling Sterling which I give to her and her heirs forever.

.....Item I give and bequeth unto my Son Owen Atkins one Negro Girl called Milley which I give unto him and his heirs forever.

.....Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Jesse Atkins one Negroe Wench called Hannah which I give unto him and his heirs forever with the increas of her body from this date. Also one Negro boy called James which I give unto him and his heirs forever. Also one Negro Wench called Eady which I give unto him my said Son Jesse to him and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath unto him and his heirs forever, one grey Horse also all the household furniture and Beds and furniture and all movable utensils to him and his Heirs forever with half of my Stock of Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep. I also give unto my said son Jesse all the land on the Northside of the Water or Creek that my Millison with the Plantation and buildings Excep about ten yards above where the dirt is dug from the pond and then cestraight with hoppers path leaving the hog pen forty yards to the left-hand straight to the firs line that was made between Owen Atkins and myself thence with the said line to fork of the Creek which I give to him and his heirs forever

.....Item I give and bequeath unto my Son William Atkins all the Land on the South side of the Creek that the Mill is on which I possess with my milland with the balance that is not willed to my son Jesse on the Northside of said Creek which I give to him and his heirs forever also one Negro girl called Ginny which I give to him and his heirs forever with the increase of her body Also the half of my Stock of Cattle & hogs & Sheep which I give to him and his heirs forever Also one Steel plate whip saw to him and his heirs forever as Witness my hand and Sealed with my seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and delivered his

In presents of William X Atkins, SS.

Noton Dickinson, Isaac Martin mark

Joseph Standbye

At a Court held for Pittsylvania County the 15th day of March 1784 the within last Will and Testament of William Atkins deceased was proved by the Oaths of two of the witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded. a Certificate for obtaining Letters of Administration of the Estate of the said William Atkins decd with the Will annexed is granted to Jesse Atkins who made oath according to Law and with Thomas Hodges and Noton Dickinson his securities entered into Bond as the Law directs and acknowledged the same.

Teste Will Tunstall CS.