Guyton Ancestry

Wills and administrations

JOSEPH GUYTON (c 1776 – June 1865) Will dated 18 January 1861, codicil added 15 July 1861, and recorded 2 August 1865 Union County, South Carolina

Will of Joseph Guyton dated 18 January 1861, codicil added 15 July 1861, and recorded 2 August 1865:

Union Dist., I Joseph Guyton, being of sound mind and memory. I give unto my beloved wife Moriah the following property. One negro boy Sam, three feather beds and furniture, three cows and calves, one note I hold on Tersah and Marthy Leech to be hers forever. I also give my wife Mariah, one negro man Pompy, one boy Mager, one girl Betsey, one woman Adeline, one boy Washington, one girl Julia Dulcena and their increase to be hers during her natural life, at her death to be equally divided between my heirs. I also give to my __ a tract of land, commencing on Correys line at Dr. Davis corner West side of the Creek, North East with Correys line to Eleazer Parker line, South West to the road from my house to E. Parker, along said road to big road, down big road to Rockey River, during her natural life or widowhood, wife receive other items of household and farm tools, with a child part of all money, notes on hand. I will to my dtr. Elizabeth Kennady one negro boy George, one girl Betty Mariah. I will unto my son Joseph W. Guyton two negro boys Bill and Green, one feather bed and furniture. I will unto my son John L. Guyton one negro woman Fanney and her chn. Tom, Josephine and Mary, one feather bed and furniture. I will unto my dtr. Vilet Mitchell one negro boy Moose. I will unto my dtr. Mary Leeches children one negro boy Calvin. I will that my son Isaac Guyton children have one equal share in money with mine. I appoint appoint Joseph W. Guyton, William Mitchel and Joseph Leech executors. Dated 18 Jan. 1861. Wit: John M McKown, Issac L. Parker, Eleazer Parker. Signed: Joseph Guyton. A codicil added on the 15 July 1861, only change is in the negroes and how distributed. Wit: John M. McKown, John Weber, Eleazer Parker. Signed: Joseph Parker. Recorded 2 Aug. 1865.

Source:

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The will of Joseph Guyton mentions Mariah Guyton, wife, to hold certain property until her death, no children; Elizabeth Kennedy, daughter; Joseph W Guyton, son and executor; Violet Mitchell, daughter; William Mitchell, son in law; John L Guyton, son and executor; Mary Leech, daughter; Joseph Guyton, son and evidently deceased since his share is to go to his children, their names not listed; Abraham Guyton, son and evidently deceased since his share to go to his children, their names not listed; Isiah Guyton, son and evidently deceased since his share to go to his children, their names not listed. Witnesses: John Webber, John W McKeown, Eleazer Parker.

In the file:

William Mitchell, son in law, states that he is too old to serve as Ex. and relinquishes his right in favour of his son, John Whitley Mitchell.

Joseph Leech, son in law, states that he is too old to bother with the duties as an Ex. and reliquishes his right in favour of his son Joseph W Leach.

The grandsons, John W Mitchell and Joseph W Leech, qualify as executors 29 Mar. 1866.

The son John L Guyton is a resident of the State of Alabama and could not qualify as executor.

9 January 1868 the executors Joseph W Leech and John W Mitchell pay to the widow, Mrs Mariah Guyton, her share in full of the personal property.

At same date John G Webber was paid in full for the share of his wife in the estate - her name was not listed.

Julia Roberts among the file papers states that she is a granddaughter of her grandfather Joseph Guyton but does not state how - Her claim was allowed. [Julia Roberts was the granddaughter of Joseph Guyton, daughter of Isaac Guyton, and wife of Abner Roberts.]

Elizabeth McKeown and Elizabeth Parker state in the file that they are granddaughter[s] of Joseph Guyton and their claim is paid.

G W Estes, J A Donald and J W Mitchell made the Inventory of the Estate.

Sources:

Will written 15 July 1861 and proven 2 August 1865, File 48-8, Union County, South Carolina, quoted on p 36 of typescript by Leonardo Andrea South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Box 48, Package 8, 1865