

1. **Robert GIVENS** was born about 1720, probably in Chester County, Pennsylvania and died there between 21 Aug 1772 and 21 Oct 1772. He signed a will on 30 Jul 1772 in Chester County, Pennsylvania,¹ which read as follows:

In the Name of God Amen the Thirtieth Day of July Anno Domny one thousand Seven hundred & Seventy Two I **Robert Givens** of West Nottingham Chester County, Being weak in body but of good and disposing mind & memory thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to Rembrance the uncertain State of this transotery Life & that all flesh must yield unto Death when it Shall please God to Call Do make Constitute ordain & Declare this my Last Will & Testament in maner and form following Revoking & Disanulling by these presents all & Every Testament & Testaments Will & Wills heretofore by me made & Declared Either by Word or Writing and this is only to be taken for my Last Will & Testament & none other, And first I Commit my Soul to Almighty God Who gave it and my Body to the Dust to be buried in A Decent & Christan Like manner, And now for the Settling my Temporal Estate & such goods & Chattels as it heath pleased God fare above my Desert to bestow upon me.

I do order give & Dispose of the same in maner & form following, That is to Say First I Will that all those Debts & Dews as I owe in Right & Conscience to any maner of person or persons Whatsoever Shall be well & trully paid or ordered to be paid by my Executer hereafter named ----
I geave & bequeath to my Well beloved Wife **Lucie Givens** her bed and common furniture & her Saddle & one Sixth part of all my moveable Effects & Two Sixth parts of my Plantation when sold after the Debts and Legeties hereafter mentioned to my first wifes Children is paid ----

I give and bequeath to my Son **John Givens** The Sume of Ten pounds Currant money of Pensylvania in one yeare after the appreament & Seale of my moveable Effects & to my Son **William Givens** I geave & bequeath the Sume of Ten pounds currant money as afforedaid to be paidin the time before mentioned, and to my Daughter **Hanna Welch** I geave & bequeath to her & her husband **John Welch** The sume of Ten pounds currant money as afforesaid at the same time as alrely mentioned to be paid to my Tow oldest Sons.

And to my Son **Samuel Givens** I geave & Bequeath the sume of Twenty pounds Currant money of Pensylvania to be paid to him in Case he Returns in Two yeares after my Deceas but if he Doith not return home in the time afforsaid I order & allow his part to be Equealy Devided amongst my Three oldest Children to wite --- **John & William Givens & Hanna Welch** but if my Son **Samuel Givens** Should come at a future Day & make Demand of Said Sume of Twenty pounds then I order that the same be paid to him by the three Who are to receive the Same in Case he doeth not return in ye time mentioned. But in Case he doeth not make Demand as affs. Then it is to remain in their hands forever.

I geave & bequesth to my five youngest Children (viz) **Sarah Mary Givens, Jonathan Thomas Givens, James Givens, Jean Givens & Robert Givens** all the Rest of my Real & personal Estate to them & their heirs for Ever to be Equally Devided amongst them Share & Share alake. But in Case any of my Daughters Should mary Without Consent of their Mother Executers & friends then they are to Receive the sume of Twenty Five Pounds & no more of my Real & personal Estate & What part they Should otherways have had to be Equally Devided amongst thir fool full brothers & sisters; And if any of the young Children Should Die before they Come to age then their part shall be Equally Devided amongst my Last Wifes Surviving Children and in Case of Death or Iregular Marage in one yeare after the same may happen I order the money that may Come thereby to be put to Intrest for the Survivers & until they are fit to Receive the Same, and if any of my sons should turn Disobedient prodigal & Westful then I order that they Shall be Cut off with the half one half of What they Should otherwise have & the other half to be applied as already Directed and I order that my Two Sones **Jonathan Thomas Givens & James Givens** be put to traids Such as they & the Executers shall Chuse as Soon as Conveniently may be after my Deceas, I likewise order that the plantation I now Live on be Sold as Soon as it Will appear Rational & Right & most for its advantage of the Legeties. I also order that my Executers shal provide a Covenant Small place for my Wife & Two youngest Children to Live on & the Rent of said place for the space of three yeares to be paid of the Whole Estate and I order that my

Negro man Shall Stay With my Wife to Work for her in order to help to please my young Children for the space of three years after my Deceas & then to be Disposed of & his price to be Divided as above Directed.

And I Constitute and ordain **Jonathan Hartshorn** & My Son **William Givens** Executers of this my Last Will & Testament, I also allow my Daughter **Sarah Mary Givens** her saddle above What is already mentioned to her ----

[N.B before Signing & Sealing the Words Common, money, its, no, Twenty, for the space of three years, Was Interlined---]

I likewise order that no morning after my Deceas be bought for any one belong to me be bought out of my Estate.

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared to be

My Last Will & Testament

In reference of----

Robert Givens {seal}

Jas. Maxwell

Samuel Glasgow

Henry Hall

A codicil to the will reads as follows:

August 19th 1772 After Considering the former part of my Will I think fit to mark the following addition to the same

first I allow my Son **Robert Givens** to be put to A traide as Soon as he is fit such as he & the Exer Chuse. I Likewise order my Daughter **Jean** to be put to Learn the Taylores-traide in Such A place as Will Seem most Sutable---

And Whereas I have ordered my Exer to Rent A Convenient Small place for my wife and two youngest Children to Live on & the Rent to be paid for the space of three years off the Whole head but in Case my Wife Should Chuse to mary before the three years be Expired I Order the Rent of Said place be no Longer paid as above Directed but my Exrtr Shall take my two youngest Children under their Care until they are fit to traids as already specified.---

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared as above---

In presence of

Jas. Maxwell

Robert Givens {seal}

Samuel Glasgow

Henry Hall

[illegible testations beside witnesses signatures indicate date of 21 Aug 1772]

Chester Octobr 21st 1772

Then personally appeared **James Maxwell** and **Samuel Glasgow** and on their Oaths on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God did depose and say that they were Personally present and did see and hear **Robert Givens** the testator within named Sign Seal publish pronounce and Declare that they also saw and heard the sd **Robert Givens** Sign Seal Publish Pronounce & declare the additional part thereof as a codicil to and as a Part and Parcel of his Said Last Will & Testament and at the Executing of Each he was of a Sound and Well disposing mind and Memory to the best of their understanding

Sworn before [Illeg,]

He died between 21 Aug 1772 and 21 Oct 1772 at the age of 52 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. The codicil to Robert's will was signed 21 Aug 1772 and the will proved 21 Oct 1772. The estate was probated on 21 Oct 1772 in Chester County, Pennsylvania.^{1,2} Jonathan Hartshorn was as Executor in the sale of Robert Givens' plantation in West Nottingham twp. State of Maryland, containing about 300 acres. [From a newspaper article in *The Pennsylvania Packet*, August 20, 1778]

The order of the children's birth is derived from Robert's will.

Robert GIVENS married an unknown first wife, say 1739, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. The only indication of the existence of the four eldest children appears in the 1772 will of Robert. Children of this wife are mentioned in the will as "my first wife's children." Together, they had the following children:

1.1. **John GIVENS** was born, say 1741, and may have come South with some family members. His sister, Sarah Mary, married James White; her sister Jean (listed as "Jain") married his brother, Isaac. A record for a John White shows a marriage with Mary Reed (John Reed, bondsman), 2 Apr 1785, Lincoln Co., NC.

1.2. **William GIVENS** was born, say, 1743.

1.3. **Hanna GIVENS** was born, say, 1745. She was married to **John WELCH**

1.4. **Samuel GIVENS** was born, say, 1750. GIVENS, Samuel, a soldier of the Revolution, aged between 85 and 90, [d.] April 16, 1846, in Union County (*Lincoln Courier*, May 2, 1846).

Robert GIVENS married (2) Lucy HARTSHORN, likely about 1750 as she was reported unmarried in 1749. His will reads, in part: "... Sixth part of all my moveable Effects & Two Sixth parts of my Plantation when sold after the Debts and Legeties hereafter mentioned to my first wife's Children is paid...." **Lucy HARTSHORN**, daughter of Jonathan HARTSHORN³ (David², Thomas¹) and Lucy HEMPSTEAD (daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Larabee Hempstead), was born about 1730 in Connecticut, likely in the area now recognized as New London County.



Lucy Hartshorn Givens died on 15 Mar 1815 at the age of 85 in Lincoln (now Gaston) County, North Carolina.³ The gravestone reads: "Lucy Givens mother of Sarah M. White died March 15, 1815 aged 95 years " The stone at Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, appears to have been made during the 20th century. (See photo).

Robert GIVENS and Lucy HARTSHORN had the following children:

1.1. **Sarah Mary GIVENS** was born about 1752 in Londonderry Twp., Chester Co., Pennsylvania.⁴ She died on 9 Sep 1838 at the age of 86 in Lincoln (present Gaston) Co., North Carolina.³ She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC.

Sarah Mary GIVENS and Captain James WHITE were married about 1773 in Londonderry Twp., Chester Co., Pennsylvania. **Captain James WHITE**⁵⁻⁶, son of John WHITE and his unknown second wife, was born about 1743 in Londonderry Twp., Chester Co., Pennsylvania. He died on 22 Jun 1823 at the age of 80 in Gaston County, North Carolina and was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery. He migrated to Lincoln County prior to 1779 with Thomas and Isaac White, possibly brothers. Lt. James White had Revolutionary War service at King's Mountain and Cowpens. Confusion existed about whether he was a Lt. or a Captain. DAR records list him as a Captain. Sarah Mary GIVENS and James WHITE had the following children:

1.1.1. **Robert WHITE** was born on 2 Oct 1774. He died on 15 Feb 1834 at the age of 59 in Gaston County, North Carolina³ and was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery. He married **Jennie SCOTT**.

1.1.2. **John WHITE** was born on 18 Apr 1776. He died on 2 Mar 1869 at the age of 92 in Gaston County, North Carolina⁷ and was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery. John WHITE and Mary "Polly" BAIRD were married on 5 Jan 1804 in Lincoln Co., North Carolina. **Mary "Polly" BAIRD**, daughter of Adam BAIRD and Mary ADAMS, was born on 18 Oct 1775 and died on 8 Jul 1814 at the age of 38. Together, they had the following children:

1.1.2.1. **Adam Baird WHITE** was born on 14 Feb 1806 and died as an infant on 11 Jul 1807.

1.1.2.2. **Erixene WHITE** was born on 31 Dec 1807. She married **Samuel TORRENCE** on 30 Oct 1832 in Lincoln Co., North Carolina. Ephraim Torrence was bondsman and Isaac Holland, Clerk of Court, married the couple and was witness.

1.1.2.3. **Mary C. "Polly" WHITE** was born on 11 Jul 1810. She married. **James WHITE**, who was born on 16 Jan 1806.

1.1.2.4. **Sarah Hannah "Sally" WHITE** was born on 15 Nov 1813 and died on 27 Aug 1906 at the age of 92. Sarah Hannah "Sally" WHITE and **Jacob Hunter RAMSOUR** were married on 14 Apr 1840 in Lincoln Co., North Carolina.⁸ Bondsman was John Boyd, witness was H. Cansler (JP) who married the couple.

1.1.3. **Elizabeth WHITE** was born on 11 Nov 1777 and died in Tennessee. She married **David? ROBINSON**.

1.1.4. **Thomas Harvey WHITE** was born on 9 Jan 1780. He died on 6 Jul 1860 at the age of 80 in Bond County, Illinois. He married (1) **Nancy McCORD** in 1817. Nancy was born about 1794 and died in 1823 at the age of 29 in Illinois, probably Bond County. Thomas Harvey WHITE and Nancy McCORD had the following child:

1.1.4.1. **James Harvey WHITE** was born in Jul 1818 and died on 25 Oct 1876 at the age of 58 in Missouri. He and **Caroline S. RANNELLS** were married in Aug 1860. She born on 1 Jun 1831 and died on 8 Jan 1893 at the age of 61 in Missouri.

Thomas Harvey WHITE married (2) **Margaret BEATTIE** in 1823/4. She was born about 1790 and died in 1884 at about the age of 94 in Illinois, probably Bond County. Thomas Harvey WHITE and Margaret BEATTIE had the following children:

1.1.4.1. **Harriet N. WHITE** was born in 1824. She remained unmarried and resided in Whitesville, Missouri.

1.1.4.2. **Francis B. WHITE** was born on 15 Apr 1825 and died on 24 Dec 1909 at the age of 84. He and **Mary Park DAVIS** were married about 1868. She was born on 16 Aug 1843 and died on 24 Sep 1923 at the age of 80 in Missouri.

1.1.4.3. **Isaac Newton WHITE** was born about 1827 and died about 1903. He lived in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.

1.1.4.4. **Sarah E. WHITE** was born in 1830. She married **Andrew MILLEN** about 1857. Both parents died prematurely, leaving five children to be raised by Harriet N. White, the older sister of Sarah.

1.1.5. **Jane WHITE** was born on 1 Nov 1781.

1.1.6. **James WHITE** was born on 12 Sep 1783.

1.1.7. **Sarah WHITE** was born on 28 Aug 1786 and died on 14 May 1872 in Gaston County, North Carolina,³ aged 85 yrs. 8 mos. 16 days. She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

1.1.8. **Edward WHITE** was born on 6 Feb 1789 and died on 14 May 1814 at the age of 25 in Gaston County, North Carolina.³ He was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

1.1.9. **William WHITE**⁹ was born on 1 Apr 1791 and died on 28 Sep 1845 at the age of 54 in Bond County, Illinois. He married **Agnes JOHNSON** about 1822. **Agnes JOHNSON** was born on 3 Jun 1806 in North Carolina and died on 23 Jan 1892 at the age of 85 in Bond County, Illinois. They had the following children:

1.1.9.1. **James Hall WHITE** was born on 17 Feb 1823 and died on 23 Jan 1843 at the age of 19.

1.1.9.2. **Edward Hartshorn WHITE** was born on 7 Jan 1825.

1.1.9.3. **Sarah Jane WHITE** was born on 17 Jan 1827.

1.1.9.4. **Agnes Elizabeth WHITE** was born on 7 Apr 1829 and died on 29 Dec 1860 at the age of 31. She married (1) **Ariel KINGSBURY** about 1849 and (2) **Stephen Willis STEWART** on 20 Feb 1857.

1.1.9.5. **William Francis WHITE** was born on 13 Jun 1831 and died on 12 Dec 1915 at the age of 84.

1.1.9.6. **Martha Margaret WHITE** was born on 17 Sep 1833.

1.1.9.7. **Catherine McHenry WHITE** was born on 2 Sep 1836 and died on 19 Oct 1916 at the age of 80.

1.1.9.8. **Harriett Newell WHITE** died on 25 Jan 1837 and was born on 16 Nov 1838.

1.1.9.9. **Mary Ellen WHITE** was born on 18 Mar 1841.

1.1.9.10. **John Nathaniel WHITE** was born on 25 Aug 1843 and died on 19 Jan 1847 at the age of 3.

1.1.9.11. **Thomas Hodge WHITE** was born on 12 Nov 1845 and died on 20 Mar 1906 at the age of 60. He is possibly the Thomas H. White who served in Company E, 34th Regiment, NC Troops.

1.1.10. **Lucy Hartshorn WHITE** was born on 25 Dec 1792 and died in California. She married **James Sloan OATES** on 18 Jul 1815. James Sloan OATES was born on 22 Dec 1782 and died on 20 Jul 1874 at the age of 91.

1.1.11. **Samuel WHITE** was born on 12 Dec 1794.

1.1.12. **Isaac WHITE** was "born on 29 Feb 1796" and died on 1 Dec 1850 at the age of 54. He was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC. Calculating Isaac's birth date based on age at death (52y, 9m, 12d, per the marker) would give 17 Feb 1798. If a 29 Feb 1798 birth, as is given in some records, is correct, a problem exists as 1798 was not a leap year but 1796 was.

Isaac WHITE and **Mary "Polly" FALLS** were married on 25 Jul 1820 in Lincoln County, North Carolina.¹⁰ Andrew Gardner was the bondsman, Vardry McBee, Clerk of Court.

Mary "Polly" FALLS, likely the daughter of John FALLS and Elizabeth FERGUSON, was born on 27 Jun 1798 in Lincoln (present Gaston) Co., North Carolina and died on 24 Oct 1871 at the age of 73. They had the following children:

1.1.12.1. **James F. WHITE** was born on 18 Jan 1821 and died on 9 Feb 1874, at the age of 53. James F. WHITE and Mary Ann FRONEBERGER were married about 1856. **Mary Ann FRONEBERGER** was born on 12 May 1829 and died on 17 Feb 1919 at the age of 89. She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

1.1.12.2. **Lucinda R. WHITE** was born on 16 Apr 1823 and died on 14 Aug 1895 at the age of 72. She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery. She married **John Morgan ROBERTS**. John Morgan ROBERTS, son of Thomas and Elizabeth "Eliza" Warlick Roberts, was born on 26 Apr 1828 (or 1827) and died in 25 Jan 1865 while serving as a Captain in 87th Regiment, North Carolina State Militia in the War Between the States.

1.1.12.3. **Elizabeth R. WHITE** was born on 22 Jul 1825 and died on 22 Sep 1868 at the age of 43.

1.1.12.4. **Sarah A. WHITE** was born on 27 Mar 1827 and died on 9 Apr 1866 at the age of 39.

1.1.12.5. **Mary J. WHITE** was born about 1828. She was buried in Neely's Creek Cemetery, Rock Hill, York County, SC. She married **James Blackwood OATES** about 1855. He was born on 5 Aug 1829 and died on 16 Nov 1902 at the age of 73 and was buried in Neelys Creek Cemetery. James served in War Between the States.

1.1.12.6. **Nancy Jane WHITE** was born on 31 Aug 1830 and died on 16 Aug 1913 at the age of 82.

1.1.12.7. **Rachel E. WHITE** was born on 1 Sep 1832 and died on 4 Jan 1923 at the age of 90. She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC. Rachel E. WHITE and **Robert A. WHITE** were married on 22 Dec 1885. He was born on 28 Mar 1841 and died on 8 Mar 1909 at the age of 67. He served in the military in Civil War and was County Commissioner and a member of the North Carolina State Legislature.

1.1.12.8. **Margaret WHITE** was born about 1834 and died about 1900 at the age of 66.

1.1.12.9. **John J. WHITE** was born on 9 Jul 1836. He died on 9 Aug 1863 at the age of 27. He was buried in Little Rock, Arkansas. John served in the military in Civil War.

1.1.12.10. **Isaac A. WHITE** was born on 31 Jul 1838. He died on 18 Feb 1864 at the age of 25. He was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC. Isaac served in the 87th Regiment, North Carolina State Militia.

1.1.12.11. **Mira WHITE** was born about 1840.

1.2. **Jonathan Thomas GIVENS** was born (date unknown). Jonathan appears on a deposed list of soldiers in Capt. Jacob Collins Company at the surrender of Charleston (12 May 1780), dated 14 Oct 1786. He also appears on a list of militia paroled by Lord Cornwallis. The list includes 534 men that were taken prisoner at the battle of Guilford Court House, 15 March 1781. [British PRO (PRO 30/11/5, folios 287-291]

1.3. **James GIVENS** was born (date unknown).

1.4. **Jean/Jane GIVENS** was born on 17 Jan 1762 in Anson County, North Carolina and died in Bond County, Illinois. Jean/Jane GIVENS and Isaac WHITE were married on 8 Jan 1782.¹⁰ **Isaac WHITE**, son of John WHITE and Betsy WILSON, was born about 1760 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He died about 1821 at the age of 61 in Bond County, Illinois. "Isaac White lies buried on Mr. Wesley Floyd's farm north of this city, in a long-unused burying place." ["L.C. Draper, corresponding secretary of the Wisconsin State Historical Society of Madison, Wisconsin, has written to Sprague White of this city for facts about Mr. White's great-uncle, Isaac White, and his father, who distinguished themselves at the battle of King's Mountain, of the Revolution.--Greenville (IL) *Advocate*, Thursday, March 31, 1881]

Some records give his birth as May, 1758. He migrated to Lincoln Co. about 1779 and is listed as being a member of Capt. Whiteside's Company at Kings Mountain. He was also in Col. Hambright's Company there. [*Rev. Soldiers of Gaston County*-Gaston Co. Library] He removed from North Carolina and settled in Bond Co., Illinois.

1.5. **Robert GIVENS** was born after 1762 in Anson County, North Carolina.

Note: Names in **RED** indicate service in the War Between the States

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Other resources have been consulted and used. The format of this report does not allow the easy insertion of them at this time. They will be provided upon serious inquiry.

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