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## Fwd: RootsWeb: SAVAGE-L [SAVAGE] Will of Caleb Savage - Gates Co., NC

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Keisha had a major breakthrough in her family tree research today! Her mom (Gladys) visited the family/namesake plantation this summer and told her about some of the history. Keisha followed up on her great, great Grandmother's (Lavenia b.1859) slave owner Caleb Savage's history, and discovered his will (below from 1862 - 155 years ago, three years before the Emancipation Proclamation!) where he gives away his land and his 'negro' slaves by name, including Isaac, who was nicknamed 'Yellow Isaac' - you think he was a mulatto? - crazy! 680 acre farm in northern VA! The also reference 'negro slaves', did they have white or Indian slaves too?

She also found several handwritten docs that detail the white Savages' being pissed off because the Suffolk VA Unions soldiers raided the farm during the Civil War, took food, horses, and all of the slaves ran away (they weren't freed, the just broke the hell out during all of the chaos - LOL! Other documents give her great-great grandmother's mother's name - so she can now go back another generation!

Will of Caleb Savage - 1862

I Caleb Savage of the County of Gates & State of N. Carolina do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

1st I give unto my daughter Margaret Ann Freeman the wife of Richard B. Freeman my negro slaves Isaac (sometimes called Yellow Isaac) and Caroline with the increase of said Caroline since the 1st day of January 1859 to her and her heirs.

2nd I give unto my son Robert B. Savage my negro slaves Ben, Abram and Georgianna with the increase of the same after this date to him and his heirs.

3rd I give unto my grand daughter Sarah E. Eure the daughter of Mills H. Eure my negro boy Jerry to her and her heirs provided she attains to lawful age or marries if not I give the said Jerry to her own brothers and sisters or brother and sister then living too them and their heirs.

4th I give to my grandson Caleb M. Eure the son of Mills H. Eure my negro man Charles and all my carpenters tools provided he attains to lawful age or has issue but in the event of his death before attaining to lawful age without or issue I give the same to his sister or sisters then living to them and their heirs.

5th I give unto son Robert M. Savage the land and plantation I purchased of Mills H. Eure lying and being in the County of Gates, State of North Carolina called the Pipkin farm with the distinct understanding that if my death should occur after the first day of March of any given year that my son William Jessee who is now living upon the said farm shall remain in quiet possession of the same until such time as his crop for the said year shall be housed or otherwise disposed of for this own benefit and upon condition that he my said son Robert M. shall pay into my estate the sum of two

thousand dollars one half of which sum I give to the child or children of my daughter Margaret Ann Freeman and the remaining half to the child or children of my daughter Sarah L. Eure to them and their heirs and upon this condition I give the said Pipkin farm to my said son Robert M. Savage to him his heirs.

6th I give unto my son William Jessee the land and plantation on where I now live including the land I purchased of Thomas Barnes, John T. Haslett, William R. Peal, Thomas Parker, and Seth Benton in the whole containing six hundred and eighty acres possession to be given after expiration of the year during which my death may take place or earlier if my death should take place prior to the first day of March of said year; also the following negro slaves namely Mingo, Ben, Alfred, Armestead, Edward, Drew, Randolph, Harrison, Lewis, Ansilla, Easthere and two children Delia and Amanda, Anarcha, Margaret and two children Lucy and one child Emaline, Pettijohn, Roxanna and Annis with all the increase of same since the 1st day of January 1859 to him and his heirs forever.

7th After the payment of all my just debts funeral expenses and so on I give one equal fourth part of the entire balance of my estate of every description wherever I found to the child or children of my daughter Margaret Ann Freeman, one equal fourth part of my son Robert M. Savage, one equal fourth part to the children of my daughter Sarah L. Eure and the remaining fourth part to my son William Jessee to them and their heirs forever.

Lastly I do hereby appoint my son Robert M. Savage, my friend Edwin Smith & my son William J. Savage executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other and former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 31st day of March in the year our Lord 1862. Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of Isaac Williams, Robert Rogers.

Caleb Savage (seal)

August Court 1862: exhibited by Edwin Smith executor; proved by Isaac Williams & Robert Rogers.

Edwin Smith one of the executors therein named be allowed to qualify by his entering into bond in the sum of fifty thousand dollars with Mills H. Eure, William J. Savage and Henry Willey as sureties..

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Wow!!!

This is the breakthrough that most Black Genealogists wait and hope for. It's so chilling when you read these documents, knowing that they were talking about our forebearers. Enjoy sifting through these documents, and consider down the road publishing something of your journey to get to this point.

Love,  
Dad

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