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Merces County, Ark

August Court 1796

This Settlement of the Estate of James Rice Deceased
was Exhibited into Court & Ordered to be recorded

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The Allen & C.

An Inventory of the Goods & Chattels of
James Rice Deceased. Charles Sheddman Nathan
Rice John Taylor appraisers

To one Negro Man	70 00
To three Cow Ycalars at £10 each	7 10 0
To two ditto each	0 0 0
To one ditto	2 15 0
To one, steer 12 months To 13 sheep. 6 6	8 10 0
To water Wags	0 10 0
To one pot. 18 To 8 hogs at 2/ each	4 2 0
To 7, Hoads at 2/ each	1 1 0
To three ditto 7/6 To 1 horse	9 7 5
To one mare 4/10 To one saddle	20 10 0
To one table 18 To one Chest 4/10	2 8 0
To one former Subbord	4 10 0
To one trunk	1 5 0
To three feather Beds at £10 each	30 0 0
To 30 lb of Feathers at 5/6	9 15 0
To one Star White. 1/2 To 1 Cotton ditto 12/	1 0 0
To Cotton gown 12/ To 1 book 1/6	1 14 0
To one Gun 12/ To 1 Carpenter 1/2 To 3 shoes 9/	1 18 0
To 1/2 King horn 1/2 To 1/2	0 15 0
To 1/2	0 15 0

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To 1/2 English Earthen ware & Glass

To 1/2 King's 1/2 To one Woman's saddle 4 0 0	4 0 0
To one Man's saddle 4 0 0	4 0 0
To one small blow horn and axes	1 15 0
To one Pound of Glass 1/2 To one Ounce 1/2	9 1 0
To 1/2 1/2 To 1/2 1/2 To 1/2 1/2 To 1/2 1/2	5 1 4
To some take 1/2 To one, steer 12/6	2 17 0
To one ditto 12/6 To 1 Broad ax 1/2	2 0 0
To one Razor hone & one quire paper	0 5 0
The whole amount	198 8 6

Merces, Ark

October Court 1794

This Inventory and appraisement of
the Estate of James Rice Deceased was
Admitted into Court & Ordered to be recorded

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The Allen & C.

In the name of God amen I Benjamin
Neale being of perfect mind & memory Thanks
be to God the giver of all mercies (feeling
to mind the Mortality of Life and that it is
appointed one for another to die as hereby
make Constitut appoint and Oracim
by these presents to make constitut ratify
Confirm & Oracim this to be my last
Will

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following: first I resign my Soul into the hands of
 the Almighty God who was pleased to give me
 life and being

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I bequeath and leave all my Joiners Tools to be
 Equally divided between my Brothers Nathan
 & Robert Hurdy I bequeath my Debt Mare
 which I purchased from Capt John Steen to my
 Brother Nathans daughter called Sarah

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 given the last and Expence thereof to be paid
 by my Executors out of my estate & property in Merc
 County Fifthly I bequeath the residue of my proper
 ty (bearing off part debts due & whatsoever is
 my real property here or elsewhere is at this present
 or may hereafter become due to me to my wife
 beloved Brother Nathan Neale after my just
 and lawful debts are paid

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I do chose constitute and appoint my trusty & well
 beloved friends Augustin Ruffmore Peter Casey
 & Nathan Neale all of Mercer County to be
 Sole Executors of this my last will and testament
 hereby Revoking, Disannulling & making void all
 Wills Testaments & heretofore made by me or in my
 wife bequeathed by me as witness my hand & seal
 this day of July anno Domini seventeen hundred
 & ninety four signed sealed & pronounced in the
 presence of us

John Steen
 Robert Brown
 John Daily

Benjamin Neale

Mercer County Lks October Court 1794

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This Last Will & Testament of Benjamin Neale
 Deceased was Exhibited into Court & proved by the
 Oaths of John Steen Robert Brown & John Daily sworn
 as Jurors & ordered to be Recorded Teste

The Clerk

In the name of God amen I Robert Brumfield
 of Mercer County being in a Soluble state of health
 and of sound mind & memory but calling to mind the
 Modesty of my body and knowing it is appointed for
 all men once to die do make and contain this my last
 will and Testament that is to say principally and
 first of all I give and recommend my soul into the
 hands of God that gave it and as for my body I
 recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian
 decent manner at the discretion of my executors nothing
 doubting but I shall receive the same again united
 to my soul at the General resurrection as touching
 such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to
 bless me with in this life I give devise & dispose of the same
 in Manner and form following in the first place I
 desire that all my just debts be paid
 then I give & bequeath to my wife Tabitha Brumfield the
 Tract of Land whereon I now live during her single
 state or natural life likewise give her a good
 saddle and one feather bed and furniture