

In the name of God Amen

I Gade Weatherbe of the State of North Carolina and County of Bladen being some weak and low in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God Almighty

Calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that give it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Almighty power of God. And touching such worldly estate wherewith it pleased God to bless me with in this life.

I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Hollingsworth one negro woman named Judy.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Sikes one negro woman named Nattie

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Lucy McLean one negro woman named Portia

I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Weatherbe one negro woman named Sarah

I give and bequeath unto my son Absalom Weatherbe one negro man named Jesse

also I give him my plantation on Little Town Bull and all the improvements there on containing 600 acres of land.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Olive Weatherbe one negro girl named Abner

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Weatherbe one negro girl named Flora

I give and bequeath unto my son Sam Weatherbe one negro boy named Jack, (over)

Ninthly

also one hundred acres of land lying on the Big Swamp in Bladen County.

I give and bequeath to my son Absalom Weatherbe one negro boy named Will and one negro girl named Rhodas also 100 acres of land on Rough horn Swamp, in the aforesaid County.

And it is further my desire that the remainder of my worldly properties to be divided amongst my 7 youngest children namely: Shadred Elizabeth, Absalom, Jane, Sam, Olive and Owen Weatherbe them and all the above Legatus and other heirs forever.

Also I leave my trusty friend Mitchell Thomas Shadruck Weatherbe my well beloved son whom I likewise constitute make and ordain sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every former testament, Wills, Legacies, Legatus, Executors by me in any ways before named, willed or bequeathed.

Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 23rd day of May 1778.

Jessie Abner }
William Grice } Gade Weatherbe (seal)