

Will of Joseph Humphrey

In the name of God, Amen. The fourteenth day of October in the year of our Lord 1752, I Joseph Humphrey of North Carolina in the County of Bladen being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given unto God there for calling unto mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye, 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 into the hands of God that gave it and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this life. I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis: I give and Bequeath unto my well Beloved Cousen Sarah Roberts of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia County fifty pounds Prolamation Money to her proper use and benefit forever to be paid in good & merchantable deer skins, to her the said Sarah Roberts if living, by my Executors but if the said Sarah Roberts be dead the aforesaid fifty pounds to be divided between the said Sarah Roberts Three Children in the following manner that is to say, to her Son Jesse Roberts, Twenty pounds & to her Daughter Ruth Roberts, fifteen pounds, and to her Daughter Lidia Roberts fifteen pounds to be paid by my Executors as aforesaid.

Item: I give to my well beloved Nephew Joseph Humphrey, son of my Brother John Humphrey, Ten Pounds Prolamation money & also my ryl gun the aforesaid ten pounds to be paid in deer skins, by my Executors.

Item: I give to my well beloved friend Evan Ellis my savel horse.

Item: I give to my well beloved friend Catherine Ellis my gray horse & also one cow & calf commonly using at

Windle Warth's Pen.

Item: I give to my well beloved friend William Ellis my saddle & bridle.

Item: I give to Carvers Creek Meeting Three Pounds Prolamation Money to be paid by my Executors.

Item: I give to my well beloved nephew Joseph Humphrey, aforesaid, all & singular the remainder part of my Estate after my just debts, funeral charges and Legacies are paid by him freely to be possessed by him, his heirs & assigns forever.

I likewise Constitute, make & ordain Jonathan Evans and Isaac Jones my only and sole Executors of this my Last will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannull all and every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies & Executors by me in any ways before this time named, willed and bequeathed, Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will & Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Joseph Humphrey.

Signed, Sealed, Published, Pronounced and declared by the said Joseph Humphrey as his Last Will and Testament in the presents of us.

Alexander McConkey

Thomas ^{his} Speirs

Proved by Alexander McConkey

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Proved in Open Court December 1752 by the oath of Alexander McConkey

Thos. Robeson, Cld.