

RECORD OF WILLS.

Will of Robert Caldwell

North Carolina

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Caldwell late of Meriland but now of Bladen County in North Carolina do make ordain & appoint this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows Viz -

Imprimis: I order all my just debts to be paid by my Executors.

Item: I order that all my Estate both real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever shall be sold by my Exec^{rs} or one of them and I give one fourth part thereof to my Loving Brother Joshua Caldwell of Summerville County in Meriland and I order the remaining part of my Estate to be Equally divided between my Loving wife Sarah and my two Sons, share and share alike and that my two sons part thereof shall be put out to interest for their use till they arrive to the age of Twenty one Years.

Item: I order my Exec^{rs}, or one of them to bind my said sons to proper Trades according to their discretion.

Item: I give and bequeath to William Neale all my wearing apparel and what money is due to me by account from Henry Simonons. William Leslee & himself.

Item: I nominate and appoint my Loving Brother Joshua Caldwell and my friend Joseph Clarke, Exec^{rs} of this my Last Will and Testament and Guardians of my aforesaid Children as Witnesses my hand and seal this Twenty fourth day of March One Thousand Seven Hundred & Forty nine/fifty

Robt. Caldwell

Sign'd, Sealed, Publish'd, Pronounced and Decar'd by the Testator as his Last Will and Testament in the presence of

Elisha Benbow

John

Sam^l Neale

North Carolina

Bladen County

June Court 1750

At a Court held for the said County at the Court House on the nineteenth day of June Anno Domini 1750 - Present - His Majesties Justices
These may certify that Samuel Neale of the County aforesaid subscribing evidence to the within will appeared in open Court and made oath on the Holy Evangelist that he & were present & saw Robert Caldwell sign, seal and declare the within to be and contain his last Will and Testaments and that the said Robert Caldwell was then at that time of sound and disposing memory and that he & also saw Elisha Benbow and John He also subscribing evidence sign their names thereto at the same time. These also appeared Joseph Clarke, Esquire in open Court and took the Examiners oath in due form of Law ordered that the Honble Nath^l Rice, Secretary of this Province

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have due notice thereof.

Certified this 20th day of June 1750.

Proved in open Court June 1750 by the oath of Samuel Neale -

Thos. Robeson, Clk^c

Recorded in the Clerk's office of Bladen County, North Carolina according to Law.

Thos Robeson Clk