

In the name of God Amen

I Samuel Phares of the State of North Carolina and County of Bladen being of sound and perfect Mind, and memory, blessed be God, do this the first day of April in the Year of Our Lord 1837 make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following: That is to say:

I give my soul unto God, after my death for all my just debts to be paid.

I give to my beloved Wife Elizabeth Phares one Cow and calf and one two year old Steer and two year old Hogs, and one Feather Bed and Furniture, and after that it is my Will and desire that all my parishable estate should be sold and the Charges, and expenses, paid and that the money, equally divided amongst my lawful heirs.

And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend John Hair, Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said Samuel Phares, have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand, and seal the day and year above written.

Samuel Phares
his mark

Signed sealed, Published and declared by the said Samuel Phares, the Testator as his last Will and Testament.

In the presence of us who were present at the time of Signing and sealing thereof,

William Hails
his mark

Duncan Pedsole
his mark

State of North Carolina

Bladen County

Know all men by these presents that I David Benson of the County and State aforesaid has given and given to my son, Charon Benson a certain piece of parcel of land, claimed Robert land, from the beginning of the Board tree ridge, with all buildings, and all minerals, woods and states, to have and to hold forever and be it known by these presents that I the said David Benson, am in my sober and right senses, and that my intellect is sound, and good, therefore I wish my son Charon to hold the above named possession forever clear of all encumbrances, or claims and morients. I give to my son, Charon the Young Robin Store, to have and to hold as his own right and property, forever from me his father David Benson, I also give to my son Charon Benson five Cows and three yearlings, which has been allowed from my mark to his loved relations and that I give with all their increase to have and to hold forever as his right and property.

I also give to my son Archibald Benson, the back part of both pieces of land from the Board tree ridge to the head lines with all appurtenances, here detainers, woods, minerals, states, Cows, and so forth to have and to hold forever as his right and property, and the piece of land which I now live on I give to my youngest son William Washington Benson, as his right and property, forever also all my Buildings, Smelling Room, Kitchen, Barns, to have and to hold forever.

I also give to my son Archibald Benson one young mare by the name of Finny.

I also give to my son William H. Benson the first Cows that the old Mare has but provided that the old Mare should not bring forth a Cows, then the first Cows, that the young Mare has will belong to the said William H. Benson.

I also give to my daughter Mary Jane Benson, one Cow and calf, by the name of White Dancer, with her increase, one Feather bed to my daughter.