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In the Name of God "Amen"

I William Parker of Bladen County in the State of North Carolina being made of body but of perfect mind and memory declare by God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament as follows that is to say first of all I resign my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the direction of my Executors hoping through the merit of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to have a glorious resurrection at the last day. And as touching my worldly estate as hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

In premises My Will is that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid.

Item

I give and bequeath to my loving wife the plantation whereon I now live for her to live on her life time and out any interruption due to me & Mr John Parker and 150 acres in White Oak Section 100 acres on Smock Swamp and 500 acres on Richland Branch leaving my plantation. I leave to her sood and all my stock and all my furniture. I leave to my wife during her life. My wife Mary Parker then after all my children. besides what they have already had to be equally divided among my children.

And I do appoint constitute and ordain John Parker Henry Parker and Samuel Smith to be my true and lawful Executors at this my last will and Testament and as others revoking and disowning all other Wills by me made concerning notifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have set at my hand and seal the fourteenth day of July in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty.

Signed sealed and delivered by the said John Parker as his last Will and Testament

In the presence of us who in his presence and in presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

Jacob Parker Z
James Smith Z
Sarah Parker Z

William Parker

20th of October 1840
Bladen County

This day Samuel Smith and Benjamin Smith personally appeared before me and made oath that Richard Reynolds junr of the State and County aforesaid who in his last sickness and just before his decease though of sound mind and memory did give and bequeath his property in the manner and form following viz.

He gave to his wife Mary Reynolds one negro woman named Rose with her child Unicorn Mary Bayley and Elliott and all his cattle horses and hogs to go with his household furniture to be and remain her own right and property. Clear of any maintenance or division until all his children were married \$100. his land and plantation wherein he livd he desired should be sold and the money arising from the sale thereof to be applied in the purchase of other lands for the family to live on and the due debt money to him for said land by John Clark as it was then committed to record. Should be taken in by his son John Clark and that he the said Clark should give in his own name a good and lawful deed of warrant to whosoever may become the purchaser of said land and lastly his desire was that his wife Mary Reynolds should be Executed to Samuel Smith Executor to oversee