

We it remembered that I David Mendenhall of the State of North Carolina & County of Surgo, do this Twenty fifth day of the fourth Month in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred & thirty two, make and Ordain this my Last Will & Testament, that is to say:

I will & direct that my Executor take of each Article of my personal Estate as my family can but spare a portion sufficient to pay all my Just Debts and the legal expenses of settling my estate, and also the residue of my personal estate I will & bequeath to my beloved Wife Margaret Mendenhall to enable her to raise my children, provided she remains my Widow but in the event of her Marriage it is my Will that my said personal estate be equally divided among my said Wife and my three daughters, namely, Clara, Mary & Sarah, Grace and Anne Alice.

I further Will & bequeath to my beloved Wife Margaret the lands and plantation wherein I now live One hundred Acres, to her own use and benefit to enable her to raise & school my children as long as she remains my Widow, and at the expiration of her Widowhood, if by Marriage, she shall have One third of my land during her Natural life, and then to descend to my children above named, but if she remains my Widow, at or After her death, my land shall all descend to my three daughters above named in equal shares.

And lastly I Ordain and Appoint my Friend and Neighbor Simeon Moor Executor to this my Last Will & Testament.

In Witness whereof, I the said David Mendenhall have hereunto set my hand and seal the day & year first above Written.

Attest I Hunt,

Mordicus Mendenhall aff.

David Mendenhall.

David Mendenhall
mark

State of North Carolina

Surgo County May Term 1832

The Execution of the within Will was duly proven in Open Court by the Affirmation of Mordicus Mendenhall a subscribing Witness thereto, Ordered to be Recorded.

Then Comes in Simeon Moor the Executor appointed in said Will & qualified as such.

I will & do that my Executor do of each Article of my Personal Estate as my
Can but spare, a portion sufficient to pay all my Just Dts. and the
legal expenses of settling my estate, and all the residue of my Personal
estate I will & bequeath to my beloved Wife Margaret Mendenhall
to enable her to raise my children, provided she remains my Widow
but in the event of her Marriage it is my Will that my said Personal
estate be equally divided among my said Wife and my three daughters
namely Clara, Mary & Sarah, Share and Share alike.

I further Will & bequeath to my beloved Wife Margaret the lands and
plantation whereon I now live One hundred Acres, to her own
use and benefit to enable her to raise & school my Children
as long as she remains my Widow, and at the expiration of her
Widowhood, if by Marriage, she shall have One third of my land
during her Natural life, and then to descend to my Children
before named, but if she remains my Widow, at or After her
death, my land shall all descend to my three daughters above
named in equal Shares.

And lastly I ordain and appoint my Executor Jeph Moor. Executor
to this my Last Will & Testament.

In Witness whereof, I the said David Mendenhall
have hereunto set my hand and seal the day & year first
above Written.

Attest I Hunt,

Mordicus Mendenhall aff.
David W Mendenhall.

David Mendenhall
mark

State of North Carolina

Catawba County

May Term 1832

The Execution of the within Will was duly proven in Open
Court by the Affirmation of Mordicus Mendenhall as subscribing
Witness thereto, Ordered to be Recorded.
Then Came in Jeph Moor the Executor appointed
in said Will & qualified as such

Attest
A. C. Manner CEC