

1805, October 28—Will of James Medley.

“To my three daughters, Jenny Adkisson, Lucy Medley and Mourning Medley and Polly Wood; sons, James Towles Medley, Isaac Medley.

“I do appoint my sons, Isaac Medley and Jesse Atkisson, my executors.

“James Medley.”

Witnesses: Jas. T. Medley, Mourning and Lucy Medley, Benj. Wood, Henry Tally and John Henson.

1785—Mark Milner, of Halifax county, sells to Charles Irby, of same county, 100 acres on Banister river.

1851, February 22—The will of Isaac Medley, who was sheriff in 1811:

“To my beloved wife, Martha F. Medley, the dwelling house in which I now reside and the lands contiguous; Miry creek land until it strikes the land I purchased from Benjamin Word’s estate, thence on the road known as the Danville road, thence on to my store house; twenty-three slaves, all dividends, my carriage and horses, farm horses, cows, calves, oxen and ox cart. Such as she shall **select of** beds,

furniture, table furniture, household and kitchen furniture, not to exceed one-half of my stock."

As a token of regard he bequeaths to Nathaniel Duval Thomas, infant son of Martha Thomas ("niece of my wife") a slave named "Victoria."

"To my sons, James Medley and Isaac Medley, nine hundred acres on Dan river which I purchased from John G. Chalmers, embracing about five hundred acres also, which I purchased from Joseph W. Chalmers.

"In consideration of services rendered me by my son, James Medley, I also devise to him my tract of land on Dan river known as my "Marseilles tract," adjoining the lands of my brother, James T. Medley above and of James Bruce below, embracing the storehouse and lot on the road where James Medley now resides.

"I give to my son, James Medley, one thousand dollars, to be held in trust for the benefit of my grandson, Edwin F. Medley. I give to Edwin F. Medley also a horse, to be worth not more than \$75.00, and a bridle and saddle.

"To my daughter, Rebecca Ballow, 190 acres on Miry creek, above the sawmill of Charles A. Ballow, which land the said Ballow has used with my consent for some time. I also give to my daughter, Rebecca, my lands between road leading from "Union Meeting House" to my mill on Miry creek.

"To my daughters, Martha C. Jackson, Mary A. Lea and Sarah D. Burks, lands lying along the Danville road that I purchased of James Bruce.

"All of my slaves not otherwise disposed of I bequeath to be equally divided among my children, James Medley, Isaac Medley, Granville C. Medley, Martha C. Jackson, Rebecca A. Ballow, Mary A. Lea and Sarah D. Burks.

"All advancement in slaves, &c., heretofore made to my said children or to their husbands are to be brought into the calculation upon the principles of 'Hotch Poch.'

"To my son, James, my large shotgun. To my son, Granville, my gold watch.

“Executors: My son, James Medley and my son-in-law, Charles A. Ballow.

“Isaac Medley.”

Witnesses: Woodson Hughes, William T. Ballow, Thos. M. McCraw.

Codicil: “I also give my wife, Martha Medley; my cook, Lucinda, and yellow Sam, 1,000 pounds of pork, 50 barrels of corn, 6 barrels of flour, 150 pounds of wool, 100 pounds of sugar, 40 pounds of coffee, and three sacks of salt as provisions for the first year after my death; also give her six barrels of flour annually for five years after my death.” February 22, 1851.

1837—“We, Isaac Medley and James Medley, magistrates of the county of Halifax.” “We, Isaac and James Medley, justices of the peace, do testify,” &c.