

In the name of God amen

I Martha Woodard of the County (town) of Newbern and State of being weak in body but of sound mind and memory; and knowing that is appears for all mankind once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament.

And first of all I command my soul to God who gave it (in) my body to the dust to be buried in a decent Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors (and) touching such worldly goods as it has pleased God to give me I dispose of (and) bequeath in the following manner that is to say

I Item (1) I desire that all my just debts be paid out of any Estate

I Item (2) I give and bequeath to my son Jeffs Phiggs one negro boy by

the name of Newman also one painted poplar Chest

To my son William Phiggs one negro woman by the name of Hage one horse (and) one trunk It is my will and desire that all the remainder of my household and Kitchen furniture be sold with the exception that if my son William (and) Jeffs Phiggs should think proper to retain any article of said furniture they shall be at liberty to do so. The proceeds of my household and kitchen furniture together with the one sixth part of a tract of land the proceeds of the lot whereon I now live, and the sixth part of a tract of land in the County of Wilkes belonging to my husband Henry Woodard deceased (of whose estate I took a child's part) to be equally divided between my two sons the said William (and) Jeffs Phiggs Also one tract of land in the twenty eighth District of Wilkeson County to be equally divided between them as well as all the residue of my property both real (and) personal. It is further my will and desire that (should) my sons the said William and Jeffs Phiggs turn their attention to the farming business with some respectable and steady farmer, (and) should conduct themselves steadily and soberly they may possession of their respective negroes before they come of age if my executors should think proper and they should choose to do so

Lastly I appoint and nominate my trusty friends Vincent Sanford her and John Colby executors of this my last will and testament (testimony) whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1817

Test Everett Woodham

*Eliza* *X* *Woodard (Seal)*

Cherry Bellhouse

John Bellhouse 3<sup>rd</sup> Lycome Court of Ordinary March Term 1818

Personally appeared in open Court John Bellhouse & Everett Woodham two of the subscribers) witness to the within will who being duly sworn say that they saw the witness named Eliza Woodard sign and heard her acknowledge the within to be her last will and testament and that they believed her to be of perfect sound mind and memory at the time of her so doing and that Cherry Bellhouse was to goe with themselves subscribing witness to the same

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1818

Everett Woodham

Recorded 17<sup>th</sup> March 1818

Cherry Bellhouse

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