

Benjamin Debord's Will

The last Will & Testament of Benjamin Debord of the state of North Carolina Ashe County
I Benjamin Debord considering the uncertainty of this mortal life & being of sound mind & memory Blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following. That is to say,

- First I give and bequeath unto my eldest son Jacob Debord, the upper end of my tract or tracts of land running to a well known divisional line between him the said Jacob Debord & Benjamin Debord his brother.
- Item I give & bequeath unto my son William Debord the lower end of my tract or tracts of land running to a well known divisional line between him the said William Debord and Benjamin Debord his Brother.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Debord the middle part of my land extending to the well known divisional lines above named, I also give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Debord all my dwelling house my barn & stables & all other buildings & spring on the said middle part of my land.
- Item I give & bequeath unto my three daughters Jane, Mary, & Nancy, all my personal property to be divided equally between them which said several legacies or sums I will & order to be paid to the said respective legates, after my decease. I further give and devise to my three sons Jacob William & Benjamin their heirs and assigns all the land above named situated lying & being in the state & County aforesaid to hold to them the said Jacob Debord William Debord & Benjamin Debord for ever.
- And lastly my express will & meaning is

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 and I do hereby order and appoint that if
 any differences, dispute questions or controversy
 shall be made arise or happen concerning
 any gift, bequest matter or thing in this my
 will given and bequeathed expressed or con-
 tained that then no suit or suits in law or
 equity or otherwise shall be brought, comman-
 ced or prosecuted for and concerning the same
 but the same shall be referred wholly to the
 award order & determination of my friends
 Ruben Debord & Benjamin Debord Jr. both of
 the State of North Carolina & County of Ashe
 & what they shall order direct or determine
 therein shall be binding & conclusive to all
 & every person & persons therein concerned
 hereby revoking all former wills by me made
 in witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and seal the ninth day of October
 in the year of our Lord One thousand ~~eight~~
 hundred & fifty one.

Benjamin Debord
 his
 mark

Signed sealed published & declared by the above
 named Benjamin Debord to be ~~his~~ last will
 & Testament, in the presence of us who at his
 request & in his presence have subscribed
 our names as witnesses thereto.

Ruben Debord
 Benjamin Debord,

Be it known that I Benjamin Debord do
 give and bequeath unto my two sons
 both Jacob Williams & Benjamin the land
 above named in my last will and
 Testament by them the said Jacob
 Debord Williams Debord & Benj Debord
 all of them jointly agreeing and binding
 themselves in this bond or covenant