

Clarke Doughter's Will

In the name of God Amen
 I Clarke Doughter of the County of Ashe and
 state of North Carolina being of full health but of
 sound and disposing mind, do make this my
 last will & testament, that is to say after all my
 just debts is paid, I give and bequeath unto my
 beloved wife James Doughter my negro girls
 Thers. during her lifetime. I then devise her and
 her increase to belong to my heirs. I also devise
 my wife to have choice of two of my cows also
 my claybanks maid if she desires her if not
 let her be sold with the rest of my property I
 desire that my land be sold at public sale by
 advertisement and all of the rest of my property
 that I have not disposed of otherwise on a twelve
 months credit and the proceeds thereof to be
 put to interest. And the proceeds thereof to
 belong to my heirs except what is necessary
 for the use and benefit of my wife, I also
 constitute & appoint my beloved friend C. H.
 Doughter & Fleming S. Doughter the Executors of
 this my last will and testament. Given under
 my hand & seal this 20th day of Decr 1856
 Geo Ruess

Test
 Danl. Jones Juror

J. H. Doughter

Clarke Doughter
 Wm

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Sessions
 Ashe County } Feb. Term 1857.

The within will was duly proven in open Court
 by the Oaths of Geo Ruess & Danl. Jones the Subscribing
 witnesses thereto & Carl Doughter & Fleming S.
 Doughter duly qualified as executors

Test

R. H. H. H. H.