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February Term 1866

In The Name of God Amen

I Henry Hodgson of the County of Ashe & State of North Carolina being very sick & weak but in perfect mind and memory calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die do make and ordain this my last will & testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that give it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executor nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate whereunto it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give and bequeath and dispose of the same in the following manner and form to wit:

First I give and bequeath to wit my beloved wife one hundred Acres of Land lying on the West waters of dog creek in Ashe County Two Cows also one third part of my household & Kitchen furniture

Second I give and bequeath to my son John Hodgson all my lands on the North west side of the Bare Branch to include all my farm and buildings on little Buffalo Creek Thirdly I give and bequeath to four of my girls to wit

Elizah Hodgson & Jane Hodgson Harriet M. Hodgson & Margaret Hodgson all my land lying on the south west side of the Bare Branch and running with the wolf pit Branch on little Buffalo Creek in said County of Ashe and also all the money I have in hand and what is due me to belong to the four said four girls share and share alike

Fourth I also all my property not named in this will for my Executor to sell and divide it equally among my wife and children share and share alike I declare this my last will and testament this the 25th day of January A.D. 1866

I appoint my son John Hodgson my Executor to this my will signed sealed and published in the presence of

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J. L. Hardin
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Frank Hardin

Henry Hodgson
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May Term 1866

North Carolina
Cass County

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Shirley Sparling
of Sound mind and memory but knowing the shortness
of life and the certainty of death do make this my last will
and Testament

In the first place bequeath my Soul to God who gives to
all and my body to the earth from whence it was taken
my Will is that all my Just Debts be paid and all
of the Ballance of my Substance consisting of land cattle &
Hogs be equally divided between my three children Wiley
Sarah & Bartlett my Will and desire is after my debts
for no diversion to be made during my wifes natural life
time but for her to remain where she now lives
during her natural life I do ~~also~~ also in my will
appoint my friend Joseph Mueller my lawful
executor to transact and settle all my Just Debts
and that he be compensated for his trouble in
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my Seal this twenty third day of June
in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight
hundred and Sixty Three Thomas Shirley Sparling

Witness

Joseph Mueller

Elisha Shirley