

Moses. Dickson's Will

In the name of God Amen, I Moses Dickson of the County of Ashe & State of North Carolina being very weak & old body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it appointed for all men once to die, Do make and Ordain This my last will and Testament that is to say, principally and first of all I give & recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent christian burial, at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the Almighty power of God, and touching such worldly estate where with it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and assign of the same in the following manner & form: And first

I make and appoint my son Alex. Dixon & Preston Phipps to be my Executors & Executrix of this my last will & Testament, all my just debts to be paid, the first place and my estate to be awarded as follows: To my wife Sarah Dixon I bequeath if she is the longest liver chiece of my house and all the household & kitchen furniture that she wants keep and as many working tools of the farm as she wants to keep, To my son Edwin Dixon a body of land which he knows by the marks made around it and each I paid him to make it good

to Whely Dixons land, also to Whely a boundary of
land which he knows by the marks around it
to my son Alex^r. Dixon I give him One
hundred Dollars in place of land which
he agrees to take Alex^r & bequeath to him
of my son Eli Dixon & P. named Sarah
Theresa & James W. Dixon, to have four hundred
and twenty Dollars to be equally divided, to the
above. Then him mentioned. After my death
also to John & Cessa Dixon to be paid by my
executors ^{after my death} one dollar a piece,
also I bequeath a boundary of land by it between
Whely Dixons & Preston Phelps to be sold & equally
divided between my daughters Lydia
Duncey, heirs. Jane, Nancy, & Polly
a share, by my executors also I bequeath
to my son Zacharia Dixon the land I now
live on and all south of the line of Alex^r
& Whely Dixons. at my death and the death
of his mother, if he is the longest lived, by taking
good care of his Parents as long as they live, also
all the other property of all kind that I own at
my death and the death of my wife Sarah
to be sold by my executors and equally divi
ded amongst all my ^{heirs} except Eli Dixon
Chelaren. & if any of the legates is dis
satisfied with that my last will they are
not to have any thing more than
what they have already got from me,
& I do hereby utterly disavow & revoke and
disannul all in any other former
testament will legacies & bequests
by me or any wife before made & hereby
ratifying & confirming this as my last

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my last will & testament in writing which
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7
day of October A.D. 1857.

signed sealed published *Moses D. Byrd*
& declared by the said *Moses*
Byrd as his last will and

testament in the presence
of us who ^{at this} ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ presence of
each other have hereunto
subscribed our names

Sam^l Cox Jurat

Wm. J. Price
Moses

North Carolina Court of Pleas & quarters
Rock County 3 Sessions August Term 1857.
The within will was duly proven in open Court
by the oath of Sam^l Cox one of the subscribing
testament to said will ordered to be recorded
Jest. R. K. Smith Clk