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At a Court of pleas and quarter Sessions opened and held for the County of Brunswick County at the Court-house in Asheville on the third Monday after the fourth Monday in March Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and thirty three. The following Wills were duly proved in open Court and are recorded

The Last will and testament of Hugh Gourley

(viz) In the name of God amen

I Hugh Gourley of the State of North Carolina & County of Brunswick being stricken in years and knowing that all men have one to die tho' thank God am of sound and disposing mind do this fiftenth day of December Anno Domini 1832 make and cause this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit (viz)

First I commend my soul to God who gave it Existence and my body to the earth from whence it came, to be decently buried by my Executors, hereinafter mentioned, in a Christian like manner

As to the worldly Estate that it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of it in the following manner (to wit)

I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Murphy Gourley my house where I now live together with the free privilege of wood water &c. as well as much of the profits of the plantation as shall support her decently through life taking into Consideration her former manner of life I also will and advise to my said wife Murphy all my household furniture of every description including my kitchen furniture &c. and bidding of every accession that I may be possessed of at the time of my death also one loom and table which said Furniture and loom to be her own property and at her own expense also it is my will that the house I shall be kept in proper repair out of my Estate during her life I will and bequeath to my son James Gourley or his representatives fifty Cents

I will and bequeath unto my son Edward Gourley or his representatives fifty Cents

I will and bequeath unto my son Robert Gourley or his representatives fifty Cents

I will and bequeath unto my son John Gourley fifty Cents or his Representatives

I will and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Gourley or her Representatives fifty Cents

I will and bequeath unto my son in law Joseph Smith formerly her bond of my estate one hundred and one great Cents

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Hugh Courley will Containd,
will and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah or
representatives fifty Cents
I will and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth
for Representatives fifty Cents.
I will and bequeath unto my second daughter Sarah
Smith now Sarah Com one hundred dollars
Silver which I expect to place in her hands
a few days and file her receipt in this paper
I will and bequeath unto my Grand son Solomon
Smith who is now living with me my tract of
land whereon I now live consisting of five
mound acres more or less lying on the South Side
Mud Creek (tho. not to be disposed of by him during
the natural life of my wife, by his complying
with the provisions herein made for my spouse
Mrs Murphy
I also will and bequeath unto my said Grand
son Solomon Smith all my stock of Cattle; horses
&c, Sheep &c. of every description that I now
possessed of at my death together with all my
writing utensils and every other other article of
personal property what ever not specially herein
bequeathed to any other person by paying the amount
due to the persons mentioned in this will
I further my will that my wife Murphy shall have
the Cash that may be found in my possession at
time of my death for her support as aforesaid and also
my accounts and notes that may be due to me
she may nominate and appoint my worthy friends
Jesse Wilson and Jesse Com. Sec. Executors of this
last will and Testament. In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this day and
date above written
I do hereby acknowledge and
declared as the last will
Testament of Hugh Courley
Testator in our presence
each other
John Miller
Sarah Roads
I was duly sworn to before the death
Hannah Roads

(Signed) Hugh Courley (Seal)