

James Morgan's will.

In the name of God amen!

I James Morgan of the State of N. Carolina & County of Buncombe
residing on the Reedy Branch of South Harmony Creek
being of sound mind & memory and calling to mind that
Death is certain & our continuance in this life uncertain
do make and publish this my last will & Testament, revoking
and disannulling all other and former wills made by me and
first of all, I desire to call up all the powers of mind &
soul to give Thanks to a merciful God for the mercies he
hath been pleased to bless me with and that such worldly
substance as he hath been pleased to bless me with, I will
and bequeath in manner following, I will ^{and desire} that my Executors
hereafter named, bury me in plain decent manner
by the side of my wife in what is now called The Miller
Burial ground and my said Executors pay all my lawful debts
that I may be owing at my decease out of money that
may come into their hands by virtue of their Executorship
I will & desire to my three youngest sons and one Daughter
that is Elijah Morgan Stephen Morgan John Gano Morgan &
Polly Morgan their sister all the lands that I am now
possessed of or that I may be possessed of at the time of
my decease, to be equally divided between the said three
sons and Daughter as before mentioned as they see cause
to divide the said lands, I also will & desire to the same
three sons Elijah Morgan Stephen Morgan John Gano
Morgan all my farming tools of all kinds and owing to
be equally divided between the said three sons at my decease
I will desire to my little Grand Daughter, Martha Morgan
Daughter of Maria Morgan that I raised from a child to
hold an equal in the personal Estate at my decease with
the little property that her Grand Mother left her at
her death, I will & desire all the rest of my personal Estate
that has not been mentioned or confined in this will before to the four
Children before mentioned that is Elijah Morgan Stephen Morgan
John Gano Morgan & Polly Morgan such as horses cattle hogs & sheep
& all the other property of every name & order in doors & out, I will & desire
to be equally divided between them as they see cause
to divide said property. and I hereby appoint my two sons Elijah Morgan
Stephen Morgan my Executors to carry this will into effect in testime-
ny whereof I James Morgan sons hath this day Executed my last will &
Testament in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 26th day of
February in the year of our Lord 1871 hundred & fifty three.

E. Morgan
J. S. Clarke
P. S. Morgan

James Morgan