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The last will and Testament of Jesse Merrell

In the name of God Amen

I Jesse Merrell of the State of North Carolina Buncombe County being weak in body but of sound mind memory and understanding Thanks be to God for the same and taking into consideration the mortality of my body and the uncertainty of this life do publish this this as my last will or wills heretofore made or caused to be made by me or in my name in manner and form following That is to say I bequeath my soul to God who gave it my body to the earth to be decently interred by my Executors hereinafter named. Secondly I will and bequeath unto my dearly & beloved wife Susannah Merrell all of my house hold furniture Viz Beds and bedding Dresser ware and hardware also all my farming utensils belonging to me all my stock of Hogs also four head of Cows and three Calves, also six head of Sheep also one colt and it is also my will and desire after my decease that the remaining part of my horses Cattle and Sheep to be sold also a rifle gun and five Steel traps and it is also my will and desire that when the above named property is sold and the money collected that my Executors are to take as much of the money as will be sufficient to purchase a second rate young mare of a good quality for the use of my family It is also my will and desire that my beloved wife Susannah Merrell to live on the plantation whereon I now live during her widowhood But if said Susannah Merrell doth marry to another that the land are to be rented out to the highest bidder and the money to be equally divided amongst my four little children Viz Lytle Pearson Moriah and Jesse Merrell and it is also my further will and desire that all the debts that I owe are to be honestly paid when paid I wish the balance or a sufficiency deposited for to give my children liberal education and I also nominate and appoint W. Merrell but my true and lawful Executor to this my last will and Testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this the twenty seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three Signed Sealed and acknowledged

in presence of us

Jesse Merrell Seal

Attest Jos Evans

Boyd McCrory

Executor qualified in open Court
January 7th 1834

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The foregoing will was duly proven in open Court by the oath of Boyd McCrory a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded