

Will Docket to October Term 1847

The last will and Testament of James Brevard Esq

State of North Carolina

Buncombe County { In the name of God amen
 I James Brevard of the County and State aforesaid
 Being of Sound Mind and memory blessed be God and
 knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and
 ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form
 following

Item I will that all my just debts be paid as soon as
 possible

Item I will that my beloved wife have all the lands which
 I now own, all my fine Stock of every kind all my farming
 Tools and all my household and kitchen furniture during
 her life or widowhood

Item I have already given my Son Thomas a horse, and
 have made my Son Zebulon Equal with Thomas by giving
 him his freedom at an early age, and will that my other
 Sons Joseph David, and James have a horse beast as near
 the value of the one given to Thomas, as is practicable as they
 come of age, or as my wife can spare it

Item I will that my daughter Nancy Harriett Maria Margaret
 Mahaley each have a cow & calf a bed & furniture as they may need
 it or as my wife can spare it

and at my wife's death or marriage the land and all farming
 utensils be equally divided amongst all my Sons by Sale or allotment
 as may be most agreeable, and that all other property be equally
 divided amongst all my Daughters

and I hereby authorize and appoint my wife Ruth and my Son
 Thomas Executors to this my last will and Testament with full
 power and authority to sell any part or parcel of land or other
 property sufficient to pay all my debts

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this
 30th day of May 1846

attest

Joshua Whitaker

Jasper Ashworth, Justice

was duly proven in open court by the oath
 of Jasper Ashworth a Subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be registered
 Ruth Brevard & Thomas A. Brevard who was appointed Executor to the pre-
 going will appeared in open court and was duly qualified as such