

Will Packet To December, Term

North Carolina } The last Will and Testament of John Hope
 Buncombe County } In the name of God Amen. I, John Hope of the County
 of Buncombe & State of North Carolina, residing on the waters of North Hocking
 creek, being of sound & solvent mind & memory, and calling to mind that
 death is certain, and my continuance in this life uncertain, & thinking
 it right & proper that I should set my affairs in order, do therefore
 make this my last Will & Testament, & first of all I give thanks to a
 manifested for such worldly substance, as he has been pleased to bestow upon me
 I will & devise that my Executors herein after named have my body buried
 in a plain decent manner, the expenses of the same to be paid out of
 my estate. I will & devise to my daughter Mary Hope fifty acres of Land
 to be laid out of the one hundred acre tract on which my dwelling House now
 stands, by running a line East & West through the same said line to pass
 above said house, and my said daughter Marys fifty acres to include the
 dwelling House, & lower end of my farm, the same to be hers during her life-
 time. I also will & devise to my said daughter Mary one horse best and
 choice out of my stock of horses. Also all of my household & kitchen furniture
 Also all my farming tools and on my farm, with the exception of
 my two horse Waggons. I will & devise to my son William Hope thirty acres
 of Land to include the dwelling house where said William now lives, &
 to be bounded on the East end by one of the outlines of my upper hundred
 acre tract of which this is a part said Land when laid out shall not be
 more than an oblong. I will & devise to my son Jason Hope Henry Hope
 & Madison Hope all the remaining portion of my Land as which, I may be seized
 & possessed of. I will & devise to my daughter Elizabeth Panner deceased four
 children one dollar each. I will & devise to my daughter Mary, all the Geese Ducks &
 Chickens & Pigeons which may be on my farm belonging to me at my decease. I will &
 devise that all my property not previously named in this article, be sold for
 a credit of not more than twelve nor less than six months, out of which all my
 Just debts & funeral expenses and the legacies to the four children of Elizabeth Panner be
 paid & the remainder if any should be left to be equally divided between the following ones
 of my children to wit, Charles Hope John Hope Ambrase Hope James Hope August
 Wives Wife of John Wide & Phediana Labrum Wife of William Labrum. I also
 confirm to my children the right of all such property as I give to them, at
 the time of their marriage or at any subsequent time. I hereby constitute
 & appoint Jason Hope & Madison Hope my sole Executors to carry this my last
 Will & Testament into effect in witness whereof I, John Hope have this my signed
 sealed & published this to be my last Will & Testament, in presence of the
 undersigned Witnesses. This 30 day of Oct, in the year of our Lord the thousand
 Eight hundred & fifty.

John Hope (seal)
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Test Land B. Gwager

Thomas Neal (Forat)

State of N. Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
 Buncombe County } December Term 1850

The above Will and Testament was duly proven in open Court by the oath of Tho^s Neal
 witness there, & is ordered to be recorded.