

The Last Will and Testament of Joseph Cole Deceased

In the name of God amen. I Joseph Cole of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and perfect memory thank God as this the 11th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty. make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say first after death I commend my soul to God and my body to the ground in a decent and Christianlike manner

Second I wish as much of my effects sold as will pay all my just debts

Thirdly I give my affectionate wife Susanah Cole possession of the farm where I now live containing two hundred acres during her widowhood or till my youngest son comes to the age of twenty one year, with the stock of grain and provisions that may be on hand all to peacefully possess and enjoy as he right and property till the above mentioned time

Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my oldest son James Cole two hundred acres of land joining the said farm where I now live immediately above up the Creek

Fifthly I give and bequeath unto my youngest son Lewis Cole the farm where I now live, to take possession immediately after he comes of age, or he rented out to his use provided my wife should marry or leave the place.

Sixthly I give and bequeath unto George Cole son of James Cole (am nephew) one horse, saddle and bridle worth fifty dollars provided he stays with the family till he arrives the age of twenty one, if not nothing.

Seventhly, I give and bequeath unto Nancy Cole daughter of the said James Cole (am niece, one cow and calf and wheel and one bed provided she stays and continues with the family until she arrives the age of Eighteen years, if not nothing

Eighthly I give and bequeath the residue of my land two hundred acres - fifty acres on the head of Turkey Creek, fifty acres on Wolfound on the South side of the Creek and joining Deakers land and one hundred more now called the Underwood place, with all my personal property to be sold and equally to be divided among my wife and children And for Daniel Truby to share equally with the other heirs in the above last mentioned property and the balance of the land rented out to the use of the family till the above mentioned time And I hereby make and publish this my last will and testament

July Sessions 1832

(Joseph Cole will continued)

Execution of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the said Joseph Cole have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Joseph Cole the Testator in the presence of us who are present at the time of signing and sealing thereof

Isaac Frisby Esqr

John Cole

Joseph B. Cole

(Signed)

Joseph Cole Jr

was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Isaac Frisby a subscribing witness thereto and Recorded John Thrush the Executor therein named came into open Court and was duly sworn as such