

Will & Testament To July Term 1830

North Carolina ^{see} The last will & Testament of Joseph Tantham
 Buncombe County In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Tantham
 being far advanced in life and resting under sore and heavy afflictions that
 thanks be to God of perfect mind & memory and knowing the mortality of
 my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die do here by make &
 ordain this my last Will & Testament. First I give and recommend my sa-
 unt to the hands of almighty God who gave it, secondly I gave and recom-
 mend my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian like burial, at the
 discretion of my surviving friends, Secondly as touching my worldly estate
 where with it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I gave and bequeath
 in the following manner and form First, I gave & bequeath to my dear &
 beloved wife Mary all that tract or part of Land on which I now live during
 the term of her natural life, as far as to the fork of the creek, bounded
 on the North by ~~the~~ East & West Line crossing the creek at the Fork. I
 further gave and bequeath unto her my four hares, and two milk cows my
 entire stock of sheep, together with all my house hold & kitchen furniture
 of every description. Secondly I will that all my just debts be paid
 I further gave and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Edwards and the
 heirs of her Body fifty Acres of Land lying on the head of the flat Brook
 it being fifty Acres of the North end of my Mountain tract to be laid
 off of an ^{equal} width clear across the survey. To my daughter Belinda Tantham
 I gave & bequeath and the heirs of her Body, I gave fifty Acres of Land it
 being the middle fifty Acres of my mountain tract and joining the
 Lands I bequeathed to Elizabeth and to be laid off in the same manner I
 further gave and bequeath to my daughter Minerva Wallace & the heirs of
 her body the remaining fifty acres of my mountain tract and to join the
 Lands bequeathed to Belinda, and the South side I further gave and bequeath
 unto my Son Joshua a certain piece or piece of Land lying & bounded as
 follows. Beginning on William Whitaker's line near the Salt bog begin-
 ning North with said line to a stake in said line East of the neck
 of the middle mountain, thence west to the neck of the mountain
 thence on a Southern bearing just on the west side of the said mountain
 to the point of said middle mountain. Thence to the Beginning containing
 fifty Acres be the same more or less. I also gave and bequeath unto my three
 youngest sons, James Thomas & David all the remaining portion of my
 mountain Land to be equally divided amongst them according to valuation
 also the place where I now live after the death of my Wife Mary also
 my small bored rifle gun, unto my son Cepthay I gave the young mare
 he took away with him, I also gave & bequeath unto my son Riley &
 daughter Margaret the sum of thirty dollars each and to my two Grand
 Children Joshua & Amy Grant I gave each the sum of fifteen dollars
 said sum to be paid in two years from the time of my decease, The sums
 above mentioned, to be raised by the Sale of my young Brown Mare &
 two cows and my rifle gun. Witness my hand & seal this 18th day of July 1830
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time of my death it is to belong to my Wife Mary. I further nominate constitute & appoint Eldad Reed and Joshua Grant as my Sole Executors of this my last Will & Testaments here by revoking all other or former will or Wills by me at any time, made & declaring this and no other to be my last Will & Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of Jacob Reed John Right & Andrew Grant
 Feb 18 1850

Joseph Grant (seal)
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Jacob Reed (seal)
 John Right (seal)
 Andrew Grant

State of N. Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
 Buncombe County } July Term A D 1850
 The foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court by the oaths of Jacob Reed & John Right, subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be Recorded:

R. D. Vance Clerk