

Will Pocket July Term 1852

Richard Sumner's will.

In the name of God Amen!

"I Richard Sumner being aged & infirm, but, thanks be to
 "God of perfect mind & memory, but calling to mind the mortality
 "of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men
 "once to die; do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament:
 "that is to say: First of all I recommend my soul into the
 "hands of Almighty God who gave it; I only recommend my
 "body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at
 "the discretion of my surviving friends, and as touching such
 "household Estate, wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in
 "this life, I give and bequeath in the following manner & form:
 "first all my just debts are to be paid, as I have heretofore given
 "to all my Children excepting Grimsby, near the amount I
 "allowed them to have out of my Estate, so I now give and bequeath
 "unto my daughter Susannah Whitaker, the sum of Twenty Dollars
 "likewise the sum of One Dollar each of my other daughters,
 "Sarah McGraw & Judy Clemmens; also the like sum of One dollar
 "to my son William; likewise the sum of One Dollar to the heirs
 "of my son Samuel; also I give the like sum of One Dollar to the
 "heirs of my daughter Elizabeth Jones dec'd. likewise I give the
 "like sum of One dollar to the heirs of my son James; I further
 "give and bequeath unto my son Dempsey all those tracts of land
 "I now own, it being two hundred & forty five acres, together
 "with all my horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and stock of every
 "description, together with all my farming tools & working tools of
 "every description; also all my house hold and kitchen furniture
 "of every description, including all my bedding, clothing and all
 "property included in my houses, and out of the value of said
 "property said Dempsey is to pay the aforesaid Legates, the aforesaid
 "mentioned sum of One Dollar each; and I the said Richard
 "Sumner do hereby ratify and confirm this my last Will &
 "Testament, hereby revoking, disannulling and setting aside
 "all other former Wills & Testaments by me at any time heretofore
 "made; I also nominate, constitute & appoint my son Dempsey
 "as my sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament. In Witness
 "whereof, I have set my hand & seal, in the presence of

"of - Steel

This 11th of January 1851.

"E Reed (Subst.)

Richard Sumner (Seal)
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"John Merrill (Subst.)

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, July Session
 Buncombe County, A.D. 1852. The above Will, was duly proved in
 open Court by the oath of E Reed & John Merrill witnesses, ordered to
 be recorded.
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