

Thomas Pitmon's Will.

March the 8th day 1816. "In the name of God, amen." I Thomas Pitmon of the county of Buncombe & State of North Carolina, ~~cooper~~, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. And first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, that Iure it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial, at the direction of my executors. And Touching such worldly estate, as it has pleased to God to bless me with, in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner. I in the first place leave the whole of my Estate in the hands of my beloved wife Nancy, to strengthen and assist her in raising the family. I in the next place appoint Robert Rea, Samuel Davidson and James Wilson to value my estate, and then leave it in the hands of my executor Still for the use and support of the family. then a record made of the valuation of the property in my will that each heir may have an equal share when they come of age. I in the next place appoint my beloved wife Nancy whole sole executrix of my estate, hoping and desiring she will do impartial justice in giving each heir an equal part. I in the next place appoint Joseph Rice to see that the contents of this will be justly executed and to take into his possession all lawfully called for. I do ratify and confirm this to be my last will and testament, in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & Seal, the day and year above written Signed, sealed, and declared by
 Thomas ^{his} Pitmon (S.S.)
 mark
 Justice Thomas Pitmon, as his last
 Will and testament in the presence
 of us the subscribers
 James Alexander
 Robert Rea (Jurat)

The following certificate on the back of said will:

"State of North Carolina, April Session 1816.

Buncombe County. The within will of Thomas Pitmon dead, was proven in open Court, by the oath of Robert Rea, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, Executrix sworn &c. Certified John Miller Clerk
 By Robert Hamilton Dally