

State of North Carolina County of Johnston
Reuben Estes Executor of the will of
Leonard Estes deceased in Court by

Burke Co. NC Wills 1793-1868
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Will
Reuben Estes

Mill
Reuben Estes Recd

Leonard Estes admr

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October Term 1867

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Reuben Estes

I
In the Name of God Amen I Robert Estes of the
State of North Carolina and County Burke Planter
and Being in perfect health and sound Mind make
be Given unto God but Calling to Mind the Mortality
of My Body and knowing that it is A painted Jar
all Men Come to Die ~~I make~~ do Make and Ordain
this My Last Will and Testament that is to say
primcapaly and first of all I give and Recommend My
My soul into the hand of Almighty god that gave
it and My body I Recommend to the Earth to be
Buried in decent Christian burial at the direction of My
executors Nothing doubting But at the General resurrection I
shall receive the same Again By the Mighty power of god. and as
Touching such ^{Burial} ~~History~~ ^{where} ~~where~~ ^{where} with it has pleased god
to Bless me in this Life. I Give demise and Dispose of the same
in the following Manner and form. first of all I Give and
bequeath ^{to} My Lovin Wife Delphe a Negro Woman Ester and her
two Children Sal and Hans with all here ^{have} Inces and a Negro
Man named John and all my houses hold Furniture Excepting
three feather beds and the plantation Where I now live on
I give and bequeath to My Wife Delphe During her Widowhood
I Give and Bequeath to My Son Lance four Hundred Acre
of Land Lieng and Being Includind Johnson Mountain
which was Give into My son Larkin the ^{three} ~~tree~~ ^{tree} of Land Lieng and Being
on the Top of the Grandmother Mountain containing two Hundred Acre
Lick was one Hundred Acre including the ~~Rock~~ ^{Rock} House and the fork of the
Big Branches and Lick was I Give unto the said Larkin a horse and Gun
Turn Over Continued

Continued in force ~~on the other side~~ Now I Give and bequeath unto My Son
Lanston two Hundred Acres of Land the plantation where I now Live on taking
in the Mill & etc. I bequeath unto My said Son Lanston a horse and a
Gun I also bequeath unto My Children Lebon and Prody's Childer an Lane
Latie and Lories Children & Lott & Lance and Larkins and Lanston
that at my Deceas it is My Will that all My perishable property
to be sold and Equely divided Amongst them it is Lickwas My will and
pleasure that My Daughter Prodis Childer an Nathan Saley James
Daley Betsey Aires of here own body to have a Childs part Equely divided
amongst them out of the Vandew Moneys it is Lickwas My will and
pleasure that those Childer part shall be put out to Interest until
they come of Age it is Lickwas My will and pleasure that Lories
Childer an the Aires of here own body shall have a Childs part Equely
divided Amongst them and that here Nathan shall have a Low
Additionaly from the Rest of the Estate it is Lickwas will that the Childs
part coming to Lories Children shall be put to Interest until of Age
it is Lickwas will and Bequeath unto My Loving Wife a certain
Mare & named Nell it is My will and pleasure that Larkin and Lance
and Lanston shall each of them have a feather bed apiece it is Lickwas
My will and pleasure that at My Deceas there shall be sold five Hundred
and fifty Acres of Land as the Deeds will Calfar it is Lickwas
my will and pleasure that there shall be sold my Negroes
at My Deceas Latto Sam Sam Jud Gefre Nancy Vinca Caspam
with My three Steels one on the plantation that I now
Live on and two at My son Leno it is my will and pleasure
that my sons Len & Lebon and Latt shall be My Executors
of this My Last will and Testament In Witness Whereof
I have hereunto set My hand and Seal this 11th day
of December 1803 and in the 27th Year of our Independence
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In Witness Whereof I have set her unto my hand
Seal in Witness Whereof signed and sealed
the 11th day of November 1883

Julian C. Stiles

In presence of
Robert Craig

Elizabeth Craig