

In the name of God Amen I William Coffey of the County
of Burke and State of North Carolina being weak in body
but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and
ordain this my last will and testament. My will is that
all my just debts shall be paid. I give and bequeath to my be-
loved wife Anna Coffey during her natural life or widow-
hood the tract of land on which I now live included in the fol-
lowing boundaries (viz) Beginning at a rock at the lower end
of the field on the west side of the mulberry creek over which
the path used to run then a straight line to mouth of a small
branch a little above the big field on the east side of the creek
then with the said branch to its fork and then the ridge be-
tween the forks to the back line and from the rock of course
running with the meanders of the ridge to the conclusion line at
or near the head of the fall branch with all the land which I
own of the old Boon tract above on mulberry & the mill creek
including two surveys on the mill creek one of one hundred
and the other of fifty acres adjoining each other & the first men-
tioned tract. I give and bequeath the above described lands
to my son Calvin Coffey when the above mentioned devise is
satisfied. I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Anna Coffey my
negro girl Lucy during her natural life or widowhood also I give
to my wife all my house hold proper and kitchen furniture &
my farming utensils of every description and all my stock of
horses, cattle, hogs, & sheep with a discretionary power to sell so much
thereof as she may not wish to keep & the proceeds thereof to be
may not be equally divided between all my children and wife.
I give & bequeath to my son Daniel Coffey the tract of land wherein
he now lives which I purchased of George Powell containing three
and twenty five acres. I give and bequeath to my son William
Coffey the tract of land on which he lives and the following ad-
joining tracts of land Beginning at a small poplar by a large rock
on the east side of the creek crossing the same to the point of a
ridge above the wheat field following the meanders of the ridge
to the corner of the Allen tract and from the poplar of course
running with the highest part of the adjoining ridge to the top

of the bucklbury Road then following the highest part of
the ridge to the back line of the tract granted to Jonathan
Boon running east with said line to the corner including all
the land between the above described line and the Powel
tract also one others tract of one hundred acres on the big
branch granted to Smith Coffey called Browns branch the
several tracts of ~~one hundred~~ an parcels supposed to con-
tain two hundred and twenty acres I give and bequeath
to my son Gellam Coffey the tract of land on which he now
lives beginning at the poplar mentioned in the above & last beque-
ath running with said line crossing the creek near Allens corner
then the same or near the same course to the south west corner
~~the~~ of Boons. the hundred acre tract then north with
line of said tract to the top of the ridge near the head of the
fall branch then with the top of the ridge to conditional line
mentioned in the first bequeath then with said line crossing the
creek with said to the back line of the three hundred acre
tract then south with said line to white oak corner near
the whitestown branch the east with Jonathan Boon track to the
conditional line in that tract then with the conditional line
to the beginning poplar supposed to contain one hundred acres
~~I give and bequeath to my son Calvin Coffey the land on which~~
~~he now lives including~~ I give and bequeath to my Daughter
Celia Curtis, in Lien of Land Eight hundred and fifty dollars
including what she has already recd. I give and bequeath
to my son Calvin Coffey the land on which he now lives inclu-
ding all the land on ~~these~~ mill creek which I own above
what I have not already disposed of in the first bequeath on
condition that he pays to the other legatees at or before the
death of his mother the sum of four hundred dollars being the
fourfifths of the estimated value of said land I do hereby
nominate and appoint my son Daniel Coffey and my son in law
Resekiah Curtis my executors to this my last will & testament
Given under my hand and seal this first day of May in the year
of our Lord 1839
Wm Dickson

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