

at the age of twenty one years and then that he be entitled to one fourth of part of such stock and farming utensils and that the other three fourths remain in the possession of my wife until my son James arrives at the age of twenty one years and then that he be entitled to one third part and that the remainder be in the possession of my wife until my son William arrives at the age of twenty one years and that he be entitled to one half. Sept. 19 1825.

Jno. Robinson

Wilson J. McRee

Chas. Harris. seal

Probated Oct. sess. 1825.

Will of Jacob Meissenheimer.

/Translated from the original written in German/

I, the undersigned, Jacob Meissenheimer, Planter and Dweller in North Carolina, Mecklenburg County, who through the goodness of God have grown old feel myself ill and weak in body, but, God be thanked, wholly sound of mind. As I well know that my days on earth are soon at an end but do not know how soon it will please the Master to demand me, so do I remember my mortality and pray God at my death to take pity on my soul and then, when it is parted from my body to take it up graciously in his heavenly kingdom, and my left behind family shall place my body in the earth according to Christian custom. Regarding the few timely possessions that I, by the will of God, possess, so will I that they be used peacefully and quietly by my family and so that no quarrel may arise, after payment of all just debts, my goods be divided as follows:

First-My wedded wife, Margaretha, whom I tenderly love shall after my death remain fully lord and master over all my belongings and the full reign and house management shall be held in her hands, also, that no one dare to take anything from her, except what she of her own free will, and without being forced, gives to her children. But should she marry again, so must she take nothing with her except what the law allows, her bed, spinning wheel and saddle.

Second-My son, Abraham, shall for always become possessor of my plantation but shall give my wife the fourth bushel of wheat, welsch corn and rye that he farms. So long as she lives and remains a widow shall this be given her yearly without fail. Also my son Abraham, unhindered, use the wagon that I leave behind, but the half of the pay that he earns through it shall belong to wife as long as she is a widow.

Third-Then, shall my son, Abraham not have a full right or law made deed be made for him until after the death of my wife, if she remains a widow but then, shall be made for him a deed, by the executors of my testament, over my plantation and Abraham shall from that time on be indebted to his brothers and sisters to pay the sum of thirty pounds.

Fourth-My children are John, George, Jacob, Peter, Abraham, Anna Margaret, Katherine, Maria, Elisabeth and Barbara. These ten children which I recognize

all as my children and tenderly love, shall after the death of their mother my goods in equal parts divide between themselves. If they can divide the things peacefully without vendue, so will this be the best for them. But if they cannot become one over same, so may they order an auction and then, between themselves divide the whole in equal parts. But shall then the big saw not be sold but belong to my children all together..

I recognize this alone for my last will and testament, which after my death shall accurately be kept and followed. Otherwise, do I throw out, all other wills and testaments which may be shown. To executors, I make my sons, John and George. To our strength have I before witnesses set my hand and seal North Carolina, Mecklenburg County, in the year of our Lord, 1787, the 15th day of December. For always is from the undersigned sent in.

Witnesses:

Peter Quilman
Isaac Blackwelder

Jacob Meissenheimer seal

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