

ning thence near the water edge of the mill dam up to the mouth of the meadow branch thence up the present lane opposite to the spring in the field to the south side thence to said spring and in the same direction to the north side of Duffys pond-thence in the same direction until it strikes the line between me and Gilmore and then with my line to the river thence up the river to the beginning. I also bequeath to my wife Mary my waggon and harness, two work horses and a riding horse of her own choice-two ploughs-two axes and a log chain eight horned cattle of her own choice all the beds and furniture which she has made since our marriage, all the furniture in the closet and buffet all the kitchen furniture all the house chairs-one large and one small table of her own choice also one hundred dollars in cash to be collected out of the sale of my property.

4thly-I do devise and bequeath to William Davidson, son of my wife, the crop of cotton now on hand to be disposed of by him to the best advantage, the product of which sale is to remain in his hand for one year at the expiration of which term he shall receive two hundred dollars together with the expenses attending the sale of said cotton and if any balance remains, he shall return the same to my executors to be disposed of in the following manner, viz-one half to be given to my son, Robert or his heirs and the other half to be equally divided amongst the children of my daughter, Jane.

5thly It is my will that the whole of my property both real and personal not heretofore bequeathed /except my western lands/ be exposed to public sale and the product disposed of as follows, viz-

6thly-I devise and bequeath the one half of the product of the sale of my property to my son Robert and his son Charles, or their heirs, to be equally divided between them, provided at the same time my son, Robert shall have the use of the whole until his son, Charles shall be of age to receive his part.

7thly-It is my will that the remaining half of the product of the sale of my property be equally divided amongst the children of my daughter, Jane.

8thly-It is my will that the executors detain my western lands for the term of ten years, at the expiration of which term they shall be exposed to public sale and out of the product of such sale one thousand dollars shall be taken and deposited in the public funds of the state of Virginia there to remain for the term of ten years at the expiration of which term the original sum, together with the increase be appropriated to the use of supporting a free school principally for the purpose of educating such youths as may discover an inclination to turn their attention to the ministry of the gospel and the children of such Gremans as may not have it in their power to afford an education-which school it is my desire should be opened within the distance of ten miles of the plantation on which I now live. If after the expiration of the term above mentioned it should appear to my executors that the state of society will not admit of such an institution they shall withdraw the money from the fund and dispose of it in the following manner, viz-one half to be given to my

son, Robert or his heirs and the other half to be equally divided amongst the children of my daughter, Jane.

9thly-It is my will that the balance remaining of the product of the sale of my western lands, after deducting the above mentioned one thousand dollars, be disposed of as follows, viz-One half to be given to my son, Robert or his heirs and the other half to be equally divided amongst the children of my daughter, Jane.

It is my will that all my land lying on the west side of Rocky River be sold with the mills.

It is my will that after the decease of my wife the portion of land bequeathed to her together with the buildings contained on it be sold and the product of such sale to be disposed of in the following manner, viz-one half to be given to my son Robert or his heirs and the other half to be equally divided amongst the children of my daughter, Jane.

It is my will that if any of the persons named as legatees in this my last will and testament should consider themselves aggrieved, such complaint shall be heard and settled by arbitration-the arbitration to be chosen by the court of this county and if such legatees be unwilling to abide by the decision of arbitrators thus appointed it is my will that they be deprived of any part of the property I possess.

I do hereby revoke and disanull all former will and testaments made by me and do appoint John Simianer and Robert Allison of this county and General Ephraim Davidson of Iredell county to execute this my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed published and acknowledged in presence of the subscribing witnesses the day and date above mentioned.

Jno. Robinson  
Stephen Alexander

Robert Harris seal

Probated April sess. 1804.

#### Will of Morgan Hall.

Under a sense of mortality, I, Morgan Hall, of the county of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina, do this twenty second day of September, eighteen hundred and twenty one, make this my last will and testament.

It is my will that all my just debts shall be paid.

I will unto my daughter, Betsy one dollar and a gold ring in the possession of her aunt Betsy Kile.

I will unto my daughter, Polly, one dollar.

I will unto my daughter Susy, one dollar.

I will unto my daughter, Sally one dollar.

I will unto my son, James, one dollar.

I will unto my step-son, Eli, my gun and shot bag.

I will the remainder of my estate, to my wife, Polly, for her use and the use of my little children.



In full confidence I do appoint my wife Polly, executrix to this my will  
Signed and sealed the day and year first written

Before us,

David McCree  
William Houston

his  
Morgan X Hall seal  
mark

Probated January sess. 1822.

Will of Jacob Misenheimer

In the name of God, Amen. I, Jacob Misenheimer, of the county of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina, being in a low state of health but of perfect mind and memory calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life knowing that the doom of all men is to die, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz-

1st-I leave my body to the ground from whence it was taken to be interred in decent Christian form and recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it hoping to receive it again at the great day of final retribution.

2nd-My will and desire is that all my just debts and funeral expenses should be punctually paid by my executors before any division of my estate is made now as to my worldly goods with which it hath pleased the Almighty God to bless me with I leave them to my earthly heirs in manner and form following,

Towit-1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Elizabeth Misenheimer, my gin mare now with colt /the colt to be my son Josephs/provided he pays for said mares season afterwards so that his mother gets the next colt. I further give my said wife one feather bed and furniture her choice, one china press, one corner cupboard, one large iron pot, one small iron pot, one frying pan her choice one loom and all the gears and tackles belonging to it at this time, one cow, her choice, one spinning wheel and cards one reel and the full liberty of one room in my dwelling house, her choice, all the above I give my wife during her natural life or widowhood, and at her decease or marriage to fall back as a part of my estate.

Item-I give and bequeath to my two sons, George and Henry Misenheimer, the tracts of land whereon they now live allowing each to keep his own improvements the amount of land is 377 1/2 acres to be equally divided in quantity of acres, beginning at the middle of the deed of the sawmill /which contains 12 acres of land/ on Croners land in the east, and run westwardly so as to divide the mill house and land equally between them provided my son George Misenheimer pays into my estate two hundred dollars and my son Henry Misenheimer one hundred and eight dollars at or before my decease then the said lands shall be theirs and their heirs forever.

Item-I give and bequeath to my son, John Misenheimer the new survey of one hundred and eighty six acres of land whereon he now lives, to him and his heirs forever.

Item-I give and bequeath to my son, Joseph Misenheimer the plantation whereon I now live the old survey of two hundred acres of land and new survey of sixty four acres of land. Fifty acres of the above I reserve on the north side of the old tract to be sold by my executors for the purpose of paying my just debts which will leave two hundred and fourteen acres, the mare that my son Joseph Misenheimer now owns by the name of Phoenix, two pairs of horse gears one plow and plow irons thereunto belonging two iron wedges, to him, his heirs and assigns forever, provided him said Joseph Misenheimer pay or delivers to Jacob Misenheimer and Elizabeth Misenheimer, father and mother of said Joseph Misenheimer twenty five bushels of wheat, twenty bushels of corn, three hundred pounds of pork fifty pounds of beef thirty pounds of coffee, twenty five pounds of sugar firewood to be cut and hauled to the door ready to put on the fire if required and said grain to be taken to mill if required and delivered to us at home, likewise feed the mare and cow if required annually and in case either I or his mother should die, then and in that case only half of the above mentioned support to be paid annually to the survivor during their natural life but in case his mother should be the survivor and should choose to marry then and in that case, he, the said Joseph Misenheimer is freed from said supporting of her all of the above to be delivered if required, if not required in our lifetime not to be paid except for funeral expenses.

Item-I leave the balance of my estate to be sold and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my beloved wife and our five daughters namely-Margeret, Catherina, Elizabeth, Sally or Sarah and Rachel, my true intention is after all my just debts are paid, the balance of my estate not bequeathed shall be equally divided between my wife and daughters above mentioned.

Item-I further do nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved son, George Misenheimer, and my son-in-law, Michael Milster my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament to settle my estate and I further enjoin on them the care of my wife so far as to see that my will is fully complied with, with regard to my wifes support and maintenance annually as long as she lives, or remains a widow and at her death or marriage my desire is that all what she leaves behind of my estate shall be sold and equally divided between my five daughters before named. And I do hereby revoke and disanull all other-wills heretofore made by me and confirm this to be my last will and testament this 6th day of March Ano.Dom. one thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

Signed sealed and delivered

in presence of  
Jno. Still  
Jacob Croner

Jacob Misenheimer seal

Probated July sess. 1821.

Will of Margeret Houston.

In the name of God, Amen. I Margeret Houston of Cabarrus County and State