

the left also two year old steer black and white also a yearling brinnel steer marked as above mentioned.

3rd- I will to my beloved wife, Mary her maintenance off my land also I will to her two beds with their furniture and a large pennal walnut chest, also a side saddle and a spinning wheel a check reel and a sett of spools, and a pair of fire irons also a cow and calf, the cow is white and red with a yearling heifer also I further will her all my stock of sheep except one ewe and lamb, also the half of my stock of hogs all marked with the aforesaid mark. I further will to her the half of my flock of geese also my dresser and half of the dresser furniture and half of the kitchen furniture also half dozen chairs.

4th- I will to my daughter, Esther Hall, her maintenance of my land, also two beds with their furnituere and a walnut bureau a side saddle and bridle, also a spinning wheel and the half of my dresser and kitchen furniture also a three year old heifer, yellow and white also the half of my flock of geese also I further will to her all that part of property which I lent to my daughter Elizabeth Benson and my son-in-law, Thomas B. Benson which consiste of two beds with their furniture also a walnut bureau and a side saddle a spinning wheel and a large pot and dresser furniture which consists of a half dozen delf plates and a half dozen of tea cups and saucers a large Japan server and a half dozen of white mugs a gilt sugar canister and also the price of a bay mare which I lent to my daughter Elizabeth Benson and to my son-in-law Thomas B. Benson which they sold for a price and I caused it to be collected for me the price of said mare, out of which price I will eighty dollars to my daughter, Esther.

5th- I will to my daughter, Elizabeth Benson and my son-in-law, Thomas B. Benson the above excepted ewe and lamb out of my flock of sheep.

6th- I will to my son, Hugh Hall, one bed and furniture also two hundred and fifty seven dollars which he has received of me.

7th- I will to my daughter, Margeret Her Maintenance of my land.

8th- All my property on my premises not here to fore mentioned or devised I consider to be my son Johns own property. I will that my son John be my executor in this my last will and testament.

Note. That if my daughter, Esther should marry she shall have no further maintenance of the land above mentioned.

Signed and sealed this 28th day of Sept. 1821
in the presence of
David Luckey
Greeniss Hall

Probated Oct. sess. 1821.

Will of Robert Hope.

In the name of God, Amen. This thirteenth of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight- I, Robert Hope, of the county of Gaba Cabarrus and State of North Carolina being ~~in~~na sick and low condition of body

but of sound mind and memory, Blessed be God, and being apprehensive that my dissolution may be drawing nigh I do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner and form following, viz- First I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be interred in a decent and Christian manner ~~at~~ the discretion of my executors and as touching such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me in this life I will and dispose of it in the following manner, viz- all my just debts and funeral expenses to be fully paid.

And to Catherine Hope, my beloved wife, I will and bequeath during her natural life the use of ~~the~~ old track of land I live on except as hereafter willed to my son, Abner Hope and John Hope and also I will to her use all my negroes except Bine, during her natural life for her support and I also will and bequeath to her disposal three of her choice of the horse creatures and the onehalf of the cow creatures after taking out two for beef and all my stock of hogs and sheep and poultry and all my grain and hay and crop in the ground of every sort and the large wagon and gears and the stage wagon and gears and all the farming tools and smith tools and all the household and kitchen furniture and bedding and her wearing aparel and saddle and bridle and all my books and wearing aparel except as will be hereafter willed.

2nd- To my son, James Hope after what I have already gave off to him, I will and bequeath to him my best suit of clothes and new great coat.

3rd- To my daughter Margeret Alexander, I bequeath all that I have already gave off to her.

4th- To my son, Abner Hope, I will and bequeath one hundred acres of land off my old track that I live on, on the east side of Clarks Crick to be divided off to him, beginning at a hickory at the red bank of said crick and running thence to a hickory on Josiah Gilmores line, thence with said line to take in the improvements where said Abner Hope lives and to enclose said one hundred acres of land also four acres of the best meadow land on my old track joining James Allisons land and land enough for a raod to the same, and all other property that I have already gave off to him.

5th- To my son Alison Hope I will and bequeath ^{that} all tract of land I purchased from James Doherty on Astins /Ashton/ run and all the other property that I have already gave off to him.

6th- To my daughter Catherine Crawford I will and bequeath all that I have already gave off to her.

7th- To my son Thomas Hope I will and bequeath all that tract of land I purchased from Moses Meek and also all that he has already got given off to him.

8th- To my son John Hope, I will and bequeath all that tract of land I purchased from William Houston and all that part of the old tract that I live on, on the sid of the branch next that tract running down said branch to Clarks Crick and down sd crick as far as my land goes and the horse creatures

that he has got the name of and my new saddle and two hundred at his mothers death out of the price of the negroes.

9th- To my son, Levi Hope I will and bequeath at his mothers decease all the remainder of the tract of land that I live of after what is willed as above and the horse creature that he has got the name of and one new saddle and two hundred dollars at his mothers death out of the price of the negroes.

And all my other property including Bine and my house and lot in Concord I allow to be sold and equally divided among all my children after paying my just debts and at my wifes death I allow all my other negroes to be sold and the price equally divided among all my children, James, Abner, Margeret, Alison, and Catherine, Thomas, John, and Levi after paying what is willed to my sons John and Levi.

And I do hereby ordain and appoint my sons James Hope and Abner Hope my sole executors of this my last will and testaments ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament disanulling all and every former will and testament to the day and year above mentioned.

Signed, seale, pronounced and declared by the said Robert Hope as his last will and testament the date above mentioned in the presence of us

Robert Hope seal

Jno. Allison
Chas. Harris
Stephen Alexander

July 22nd. 1808

Will of John Marchadant

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Margdent, of the county of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina, farmer, being in perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say, principally, forst of all I give and recommend my soul to God that give it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent burial at the discretion of my executor, nothing doubting but that I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, demise and dispose of in the following manner and form:

I give and bequeath to my step-son, Jacob Casey all my personal estate cattle and all household furniture. I likewise constitute and appoint Jacob Casey to be my executor to this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disanull all and every other former testament will and legacies whatsoever in any ways willed and bequeathed.

Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this twentieth ninth day of Genuary in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

Sineed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of
David Carlock
Johann Michael Weinkaugh

John Marchadant seal

Probated April sess. 1798.

Will of Archibald, White.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Archibald White, Senior, freeholder in Cabarrus County and State of North Carolina, being advanced in years and calling to mind the mortality of my body and as it hath pleased God to bless me with a numerous family and a little of this worlds goods I do choose to make this my last will and testament and first I recommend my soul to God who give it being he would be graciously pleased to accept the same for what the ever blessed Jesus did and suffered for a lost world and with regard to my body I order it to be buried in a decent manner but discourage the use of any spiritous lickers at my burial with regard to my worldly affairs I chose to dispose of them in the following manner- and first I order all my just and lawful debts to be discharged.

Item- I bequeath unto my well beloved wife, Mary White the one third of all my estate real and personal during life leaving it to her own choice where to live amongst her children or in her own house and at her death to will to the value of twenty pounds amongst her four daughters.

Item- I bequeath unto my Daughter, Margeret White, ten shillings besides what she hath got.

Item- I bequeath unto my son, Samuel White ten shillings besides what he hath got.

Item- I bequeath unto my daughter Martha Eadgar ten shillings besides what she hath got.

Item- I bequeath unto my daughter Rachel Walker ten shillings besides what she hath got.

Item- I bequeath my daughter, Mary White, ten shillings besides what she hath got.

Item- I bequeath unto my son, Joseph Andrew White, ten shillings besides what he hath got, but with the proviso that if either my wife or myself should live to be a long charge to my sons that now lives with me or reather with us but should it please an all wise God to remove us to our loved and never ending home and oh that God for Jesus Christ sake grant that our home may be where the weary are at rest and where the wicked cease from troubling. I say should please the Lord to remove us without our being much of a charge that being the case then I really think my son Joseph hath not got his equal part but as I never could observe that any of my dear children inclined in the least to defraud or be unkind to each other I just leave it to my three son to settle it themselves that is to Joseph, Archibald and John.