

In the name of God Amen I Theodore Morse of Barlow County and State of North Carolina being sick of sound mind and perfect memory do this twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty make and order this my last will and testament in words and form as follows viz.

first of all I give and devise unto my beloved wife Jane my house and plantation and all the house hold and moveable property except things that I shall mention this I give to her during her life and after her death I give the house and plantation unto my beloved son William and his heirs also I give unto my son William Morse my coat and one half of my Coopers tools and I give unto my son John Morse the other half of my Coopers tools and my little gun and I give unto my daughter Nancy Ruthers five shillings paid by the Executors being she has had her part before after my beloved wife death I give all the moveable property that is not give away in this will to be Equally divided betwixt all of my daughter Nancy Ruthers children and my wife daughter Polly Simpson shall have an equal share with them

Lastly I appoint my beloved wife Jane Morse and my son William Morse Executors to Execute this my last will and testament in witness whereunto I have here set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Theodore Morse

Signed and sealed in the presence of us

Roger Simpson

Josiah Morse

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter
Barlow County } Sessions February Term 1826

I Certify that there was this written paper exhibited in open court and by the oath of Josiah Morse one of the subscribing witnesses (the other Roger Simpson not present) proved to contain the last will and testament of Theodore Morse dec'd,

Geo Read Clerk

In the name of God Amen I James Meadows of the State of North Carolina and County being of sound mind and perfect memory do hereby certify that on the 24th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty the said Theodore Morse made and ordered this my last will and testament in words following that is to say I James Meadows do give and bequeath unto my dear Beloved wife Polly Meadows two Cows and calves two sows and fifteen sheep two Beds and furniture and all the rest of my moveable property at this be my last will and testament the day and date above written as witness whereof I set my hand and seal

James Meadows

This may Certify the above instrument was proved to be James Meadows last will & testament by the oath of Elizabeth Meadows the wife of John Meadows 1826.

Jakey Marks Jr

This may Certify that Thos H. Meadows declaring on oath that James Meadows when in sound mind & memory requested that his wife Charlotte Meadows should have all his debts & accounts that is due - proved in the presence of me.

October 28th 1826.

Jakey Marks Jr

Barlow County December Term 1826.

I Certify that the within written paper was then exhibited into open Court & ordered to be admitted to probate
G. Aumley C. C.