

October Court 1785. {86} 0074

In the Name of God amen I Francis Shackford of
Crawford County King of Soud and perfect mind & memory
(Blessed be God) do make this my last Will & Testament in
manner following, that is to say, first it is my will
that all my last debts be paid & that part of my estate
(as shall by my Executors hereafter named be thought) can be
best Served (except Negroes). Secondly I leave to my
Beloved Wife Eunice Shackford for during her life a Negro
Woman Jade with all my Household Furniture and Stock
of all kinds - I Give to my son John Shackford Ten
Pounds to be paid him at my Wifes death.

It is my Desire that the Residue part of my Estate at
my Wifes death shall be Equally Divided Amongst my
Children Edmund Shackford, Amstead V. Vance, Henry
Hudson, Abner and Robert Shackford -
I leave my Negro fellow Robt. to be hired Annually by my
Executors for the Schooling and Maintaining my young
children, and at my Wifes death if my youngest Child
should be of Age, the Negroes to be Divided Equally amongst
those Above Mentioned that shall be then Living (except
John Shackford) but if the youngest Child should not be
of Age, the Negroes to be hired untill that time.

I do appoint El. James Sanders with Johnerson
Chocaine & Eunice Shackford Executors of this my last
Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & Seal this 18th February 1785

Bazwell Willson
Thos. Jeffries
Jas. Mackay
Ch. Kenyon
James Gilchrist

Francis Shackford

October Court 1785 This will
was duly proved by James Gilchrist
Edmund to be record in
Test. R. H. Humphrey Clerk

October Court 1785. {87} 0075

In the name of God amen, The Twenty second day
September in the year of Lord 1785, I John Mitchell
of the County of Crawford State of North Carolina being very
Sick & Weak in body but of perfect mind & memory Thanks to
God, Therefore calling to mind the frailty of my body and
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do
Make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament, that is to say
Principally and first of all I Give and recommend my soul to
God that gave it, And for my body I recommend it to earth
to be buried in Christian like & decent manner -
at the direction of my Executors. Nothing doubting but at the
Ascension, I shall receive the same again by the mercy of Jesus
Christ, And as touching such Worldly Estate as God hath been
Pleased to bless me with in this life I Give, devise & dispose of
the same in the following manner and form.

I Imprmise it is my Will and so order my last will
and funeral Charges be paid - I then Give and bequeath unto
my dearly beloved wife Mary, whilst she remains my Widow
the whole and sole right of my Land and Estate of whatever
or all kind (except some Book by Wm. I Give to Robert Mitchell
but the Confession of Faith & Cooks Arithmetic, I Give to
James Sammons one Bible, - I then Give Robert Mitchell son
of Robert Mitchell the whole of my Estate at the Decence of
Death of my dearly beloved Wife Mary, I likewise appoint
the said Robert Mitchell my only & sole Executor of this my last
Will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
& Seal the day & Year Above written

Signed & sealed in presence of us
James W. Murray
John W. Murray
This Will was duly proved in open
Court by the Oaths of James W. Murray & John W. Murray before
the Judge then to be record to be record Test. R. H. Humphrey Clerk

John Mitchell