

The last Will and Testament of Michael Goder

In the name of God, Amen.

I Michael Goder of the County of Calabria and State of North Carolina, being yet in health, but of a sound and disposing memory, viewing the uncertainty of life, and certainty of death, do hereby, constitute, ordain, and make this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say,

I st<sup>t</sup> Will that at my death my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a suitable burial according to the usage of my relatives and friends and he shall pay the expenses out of the first money that may come into his hands belonging to my Estate.

Secondly — I will, that all my lands that I have not disposed of by deed to my son George M. Goder shall go to my three grand sons Michael Leonidas, Peter Ramon & Statius G. Goder & heirs of my son Cyrus Deacon share and share alike in the following Lands to wit: Beginning Lands of Peter Linger George M. Goder & others, Beginning at a Huckleberry on Jacob's River line on the South bank of Jacobs River and Run S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 104 poles to a Walnut. Thence N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E. 41 poles to a post Oak. thence S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 46 poles to a Pine. Thence S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 48 poles to a Stake. Thence west 37 poles to a Rock or stone. Thence S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 60 to a Pine. Thence west 3 poles to a Rock. Thence S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E. 57 poles to a Red Oak. Thence S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 55 poles to a Post Oak. thence N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E. 34 poles to a on P. S. Yoder's line thence a new line will bring you back S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 66 poles to a Black Oak, thence with the lines of George's Lands first N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 97 poles to a white Oak stump. Thence N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 19 poles to a Post Oak near the gate. Thence N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E. 20 poles to a sycamore stump & bush at the foot of the branch below the barn. Thence nearly down to the branch first N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. E. 15  $\frac{1}{2}$  poles to a Stake in the Branch where a Pine formerly stood, thence East 17 poles to a small Cherry. Thence N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. E. 60 poles to a Branch of Chestnut Stumps on the west bank of said branch. Thence S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. E. 44 poles to a small Hickory at a Rock pile. Thence N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E. 27 poles to a small Sycamore tree George M. Yoder's Beginning corner on the South land of Jacob's River thence up the Meadow of said River to the beginning containing one hundred and twenty acres to be the same more or less, to be in the care of their guardian George M. Yoder who shall pay the taxes on the same until Michael G. and Peter Ramon shall both be 21 years of age. He shall then take charge of the same and pay all the taxes on the same until Peter Sterling G. shall be 21 years of age. And if it should so happen

that any one or more of the above named Grandsons should die before he or she become of age, then his or her shares shall go to his brother or brothers share, but they shall nevertheless maintain support & furnish all the necessities of life to their Brother & sister of Cyrus Goder Dec'd out of said lands so long as she remains in her widowhood, but if she marries again then she forfeits her right of support out of the above described lands, also the houses in

Thirdly, I will that George M. Goder and the above named Michael L. Peter R. Sterling G. furnish Ruth Dug with all the necessities and comforts of life during her life time from & out of the above lands and the lands I this day deeded to George M. Goder as she will need them. And I further will that she have possession of so much of my Residence I now live in, as may be necessary for her comfort as a home so long as she may live, and further she shall have the use of a house three years old so long as she may live (said house is a nutty, black & white shingled) or a smaller and said Ruth Dug shall be furnished with expenses sufficient to feed and support by the said George M. & Michael L. Peter R. Sterling G. share and share alike that is George to furnish one half and Michael L. Peter R. Sterling G. the other half.

And lastly I constitute make and appoint Ruben Goder to be my lawful Executor to all intents & purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament, revoking all other wills by me hitherto made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1878

Lived in presence of  
D. M. Goder  
A. B. Goder

Michael Goder *his* *mark* *Ex'c't'*

North Carolina }  
Calabria County } Private Court

The foregoing paper witness was on this the 14 January 1879 duly proved to be the last Will and Testament of Michael Goder done by oath and examination of D. M. Goder & A. B. Goder subscribing witnesses thereto. (Evidence in full file) It is therefore admitted to Probate, and ordered to be recorded

McSherrill  
Probate Judge.

Application for letters Testamentary  
Calabria County : In the Probate Court  
In the matter of the Will of } Before McSherrill  
Michael Goder Probate Judge

Rubin Yoder being sworn doth say:

That Michael Yoder late of said county is dead, having first made and published his last Will and Testament; and that he Ruben Yoder is the executor named therein.  
Further, that the property of said Michael Yoder consisting of Household Kitchen furniture &c is worth about \$150.00 so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that C. H. Yoder, Michael Yoder, Peter R. Sterling & Yoder heirs of yours Yoder are the parties entitled under said will to said property.

R. Yoder

Swear to and subscribed before me

this 14 day of January 1874

Robt. Smith

Deputy Judge

Rubin Yoder duly qualified as Executor and letters Testamentary issued.

David Miller  
deceased  
John W. Miller  
Executor  
qualified  
17<sup>th</sup> Jan 1874

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The last Will and Testament of David Miller

In the name of God Amen

I David Miller being of sound mind and memory blessed be God do this 29<sup>th</sup> January 1873 make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

First I give and bequeath unto my wife Catherine the plantation I now live on during her lifetime and after her death to my son Lee and my three daughters Harriet Emeline and Martha in common

2nd I give and bequeath to my son La Fayette the Plantation on the waters of Banks creek and on the Rail Road joining Gordon Bolch and others about seventy six acres more or less it is further my will that he is to have thirty dollars in money.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> it is my will that my wife Catherine have two hundred dollars in money.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> it is my will that my son Lee is to have one hundred dollars and my daughters Harriet Emeline and Martha each are to have one hundred dollars

to make them even with my children of my first wife who have already received a portion of their Estate I further give to my wife Catherine the following property to wit 5 Beds and furniture 1 chest 1 Bureau 2 Tables 1 kitchen ark 1 Clock 6 chairs Spinning Wheel Cards Table ware as much as she needs Cook pots as she needs one wash pot tubs as many as she need 2 head of Horses her choice one wagon 2 sets horses gears

2 plows 1 Harrow 4 hoes one Mattock 2 axes Sythe & cradle 2 cows & calves and 2 head dry cattle her choice 1 head of sheep & head of hogs her choice all the Ruffness all the corn and wheat on hand all the meat on hand all the spinning truck on hand 1 Baggy and harness. It is furthermore my will that all my Estate not otherwise willed shall be sold

by my Executor hereinafter named and all my just debts to be paid and the Remainder to be legally divided between all my lawful Heirs and further I hereby Revoke and annul all former wills made by me I further make and appoint my son John W. Miller Executor of this my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Witness

C. W. Burman

Annaw Hester

Daniel Simmons