

I Mary priest of the County of Cumberland and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory but in feeble health and considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows that is to say

First I give and bequeath to my son John priest one cow to be his forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son in law John Ferguson one cow to be at his disposal

Item they will and desire is that all the residue of my estate of cattle hogs and sheep together with all my household and kitchen furniture farming utensils beds bedcloathing my Rifle gun, my cart and all other articles of whatsoever kind or description of which I may be possessed of at the time of my death shall be equally divided share and share alike between my three daughters to wit Mary Ann Margaret and Florah Isabelle priest to be to them and their heirs forever

The rest of my children having heretofore received sundry advancements which will make them a fair and equitable portion according to the value of my estate and lastly I do hereby appoint

Mary priest
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Admired to
Private of
March 18 1836

Witness my hand
at Hillsboro 14th

my trusty and well beloved son Cornelius
 priest my lawful Executor to execute this my
 last will and testament hereby revoking and
 declaring utterly void all other wills or
 writings hitherto made by me
 In witness whereof I the said Mary priest
 do hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th
 day of November A.D. 1855

Signed sealed published
 and declared by the said
 Mary priest to be her last
 Will and testament in presence of

Mary Priest

Daniel McLeod

Alexander McLeod

North Carolina: Court of Pleas and quarter
 Cumberland County 3^d Session March Term A.D. 1856
 The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and
 testament of Mary Priest was offered for probate in common
 form whereupon Daniel McLeod a subscribing witness
 thereto was sworn and examined by the Court, who proved that
 Mary Priest made and duly published the foregoing paper
 writing as her last will and testament that at the time
 of making & publishing the same she was of sound mind
 and memory that he and Alex. McLeod at her request and
 in her presence signed the same as subscribing witnesses
 and the Court ordered said paper writing to be admitted to
 probate in common form & that the same be filed among
 the records of the Court - Cornelius Priest appointed
 executor by said will comes into open Court and is
 duly qualified as executor according to Law.

J. H. Garrison
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