

3 In the Name of God Amen Ruben Moore of the County of
 and State of North Carolina being sick but of perfect mind and
 memory having a mind to dispose of my estate in manner and form as follows
 I do hereby give and bequeath unto my Son Ruben Moore the plantation and
 tract of land whereon I now live which I purchased of James Perry and on
 account of dispute afterwards arising concerning my title thereto the same
 of John Pitt containing thirty five acres more or less together with a span
 of land purchased of John L. Moore claiming to it to him and his heirs
 also a Gun and bequeath to my said Son Ruben Moore the plantation
 consisting of land purchased of Dudley Whitehead containing one hundred and
 fifty three acres including the marsh adjoining it more or less to him and his heirs
 also a Gun and bequeath to said Ruben Moore one negro man Tom two young
 horses one feather bed and furniture one Gun one walnut chest and Box two
 cows and two sheep yearlings and fifty hens of various kinds more or
 less and also a barrel to be made and calked by John Jones whom I
 purchased the said Marsh of having paid him and not yet received his
 due for the same to him and his heirs forever.
 I do hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Moore the plantation and
 tract of land that William Simmons now lives on that I purchased of James Moore's
 together with the marshes belonging to it also the tract of land and marsh
 purchased of John Womack containing fifty nine acres to her and her heirs
 forever also a Gun and bequeath to my said daughter Sarah one negro
 Girl named Bob among others that is sold her one feather bed and furniture
 one fine chest and five dollars cash to buy her a wheel to her and her heirs forever
 I do hereby give to my daughter Lucy Stephens one of my negro Girl named
 one feather bed and furniture one wheel and tub which she has in her
 possession one cow in pounds cash if she hath a child then when
 I bid her heirs forever. Next in case she doth die without ever having
 a child then in that case said property to descend to my son Ruben
 and daughter Sarah to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever.
 I do hereby give and bequeath unto my loving wife Susan one feather bed and
 furniture one chest one wheel and fifteen pounds cash to her and her heirs forever
 I do hereby give the use of the plantation and tract of land I purchased of
 John Hipp and Moore to a Negro (also) who now lives on it for the
 term of ten years in case he lives so long and at the expiration of ten
 years or in case he dies sooner at his death I leave the said plantation
 and tract of land to be sold by my executor and the money arising from
 the sale of it to be equally divided among all my children then living
 I appoint and make and ordain my true and lawful friend Jonathan
 Ward my whole and sole executor of this my last will and Testament
 revoking, disannulling and dissolving all other will or wills by me made in witness
 whereof I do said Ruben Moore doth hereunto set my hand and seal the 20th
 day of March 1801.

Ruben J. Moore
 his mark

51 Pat Anthony Simmons deat
 Jonathan Simmons
 Arthur Moore deat
 James + Anne Kempe
 his mark

Recorded and examined the 22^d day of December anno Dom. 1804

Attest J. Baller S. B. B. B.

State of North Carolina This day personally appeared before me
 Jonathan County Andrew Bates one of the Justices for
 the County of Anson and Mary Whitehurst of said County who being
 sworn on that holy Evangelist depose and sayeth that Susan
 Simmons is dead and that at short time before her death the said
 said deponent heard the said Susan Simmons say she gave all the property
 she was possessed with to her sister Susan. Witness for the said Susan
 the deponent Mary Whitehurst who deposes she had received
 the said Susan Simmons affections and further the deponent
 hath not reason to believe on this 22^d day of November
 1804 Mary Whitehurst
 Andrew Bates.
 This will proved by the oath of Mary Whitehurst at Antietam
 November term 1804 in due form of law
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