

State of North Carolina This second day of January in the
Franklin County year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred & twenty one

In the name of God amen. I Moses Neal of the State &
County aforesaid being in common state of mind & memory do
make this my last will & testament as follows: I do
give unto my beloved son Aaron Neal two hundred & 20
ninety seven Acres of land including my major plantation it
being the land especially purchased of my brother Aaron Neal
his bounds thereof will appear by and does from him to me
with my title and all that lawfully appertains or belongs
thereto the whole of which I have to my beloved wife Elizabeth
during her natural life the rest of my property or estate consisting
of land negroes & personal property I give & bequeath to my other five
children whose names are as follows viz Sarah Cook John Neal
Mary Timberlake James Neal & Merv Neal to be equally divided
according to what they have had heretofore desiring that it may be
be divided by bequestment and divided by date or otherwise as
they may desire & that the negroes & books may not go out
of the family, appointing the three following negroes for the
use of my wife Elizabeth during her life viz Dick James & George
& that my son Aaron shall have the profits of their labor
over the require for a comfortable support with the
which she shall acknowledge herself satisfied. allowing that
each son as soon as they may have their choice negro
at their affairs value & that Sarah Cook & Mary Timberlake
keep the negroes they have at their appointed value if they choose
I appoint my two sons John Neal & James Neal my executors
& that they be allowed fifty Dollars each for their service to
come out of the whole estate Signed by Moses Neal
in presence of

North Carolina Franklin County.

We the subscribers heirs & legatees under the foregoing will do believe & acknowledge if signed by the proper hands of allors & real dec^d & after making the following provisions, i.e. after giving to Aaron & real one feather bed & furniture & allowing him the plantation utensils to make the good crop, & giving to Elizabeth & real one feather bed & furniture, one head of cattle, maintenance for the current year, & allowing her during her life or widowhood such household furniture as she may choose to obtain: We do resolve, covenant & agree, that the estate of said decedent shall be divided and distributed according to the letter & meaning thereof, & that each & every of us will strictly adhere to & abide by the said will with these provisions annexed we severally bind ourselves in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to be recovered on oath by the other legatees whenever any one of us shall refuse to conform to the foregoing will & provisions by us annexed. And having thus agreed, covenanted, & promised we hereby fully empower, authorize, & request the executors by the said will appointed to proceed in the discharge of the duties assigned them in the foregoing will & provisions, & we further allow them suitable discretionary powers in the discharge of those duties.

In witness & confirmation of all which we hereunto set our hands & seals this 24th day of May 1826.

Witness

Wm. Rowland atty at law

Elizabeth ^{his} Neal Test

John Neal Test

John Cook Test

Aaron Nelson Test

Pickard Timberlake Test

James Neale Test

James Neale Test

3 July