

Gaston City N.C

April The 1st 1856

I Jabs Earing of the above County & State do make this
my Last Will and Testament

First I Will that all my Just and Legal debts be paid
I will that Pinkney Koper be allowed to carry out the
agreement Between him and my self viz that is to ~~say~~^{that}
he ~~is to~~ work in the Blacksmith Shop from the 1st day of January
1856 To The first day of January 1857 and make a
Regular hand in the Shop himself and also to be at
one half of all the Expenses of bearing on said Shop and
I am to furnish the said Koper with a hand to strike
at the anvil and all wood necessary for coal to carry on
the said Shop and the said Koper is to receive one half
of the profits of said Shop it is understood and agreed
that I am to board the said Koper Except in washing
It is understood and agreed that the above agreement with
the said Koper is to continue for two years

I desire that David Dunn carry out ~~the~~ our agreement viz
he is to make a Regular hand in the Blacksmith Shop
at Any Thing Required of him during The year and I am
to Give The said Dunn for his Services - Twenty Bushels of
corn three hundred pounds of meat Ten Bushels of Wheat
and Ten dollars in Cash the said Dunn

I am to furnish the said Roper with a hand to strike
at the nail and a well used necessary for coal to carry on
the said Shop and the said Roper is to receive one half
of the profits of said Shop it is understood and agreed
that I am to board the said Roper Except in washing
It is understood and agreed that the above agreement with
the said Roper is to continue for two years

I desire that David Dunn carry out ~~the~~ our agreement viz
he is to make a regular hand in the Blacksmith Shop
at anything required of him during the year and I am
to give the said Dunn for his services - Twenty Bushels of
corn three hundred pounds of meat Ten Bushels of wheat
and Ten dollars in cash the said Dunn obligating himself
himself to work two years and receive ^{each} ~~the~~ year the above
amount

4th I will & desire that after the above Legacies are Satisfied
that my wife Martha Ann receive and have all the Balance
of my Estate at her own Disposal 5th and last I nominate
and appoint my friend Robert Rankin to Execute this my Last
Will and Testament Witness my hand and seal this day & date above
Witness Samuel A. Roper

L. H. Abernethy

by
Robert Rankin Seal