

In the name of God Amen the 2nd day of July in the year of our Lord God
1801 I Jethro Meltear of the County of Gates and State of North Carolina being
sick in body but of good and sound memory thanks be to Almighty God & calling
to remembrance the uncertain estate of this transitory life and that
all flesh must yield to death when it shall please God to call do
make constitute, ordain & declare this my last Will & Testament in man-
ner and form following revoking and annulling by these presents all
and every Testament or Testaments Will & Wills heretofore by me made
& declared either by word or writing & this is to be taken only for my
last Will and Testament and none other, and first being penitent
and sorry for my past sins most humbly desire forgiveness for the
same, I give and commit my soul unto Almighty God my saviour and
guardian and my body to be buried in such a place where it shall be
pleased my executors hereafter named to appoint and now for the
settling my temporal estate which has pleased God to bestow upon
me I do make give and dispose the same in manner of form follow-
ing that is to say I last Will that all the debts & dues due

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me I do ordain give and devise the same in manner & form follow-
ing that is to say first I will that all the debts & dues I owe
to right and justice to any person or persons whatsoever
be fully paid and truly contented & paid within convenient

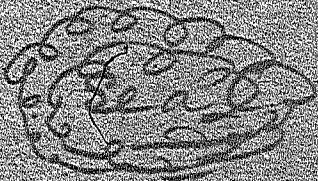
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After my decease by my executors I hereafter in and
them I give to my beloved wife Mary Miltear, the use of the property
now I possess consisting of the land and plantation Snow live on and
all my other lands, also one negro man named Hardy, one negro
woman named Peggy and one negro girl named Pareas together
with all my stock of every kind all during her natural life and
after her decease to be divided amongst my three children Benja
Miltear, Jethra Miltear & James Miltear exclusive of that part
of my estate which I shall hereafter give away. I then I give
to my beloved son Benja Miltear my piece of pattern land
and the above mentioned negro girl Pareas to him and his heirs forever
I then I give to my beloved son Jethra Miltear my negro man Hardy
also my young horse called Figure & one bed and a furniture to him
and his heirs forever. I then I give to my beloved son James Miltear
the land and plantation Snow live on also my negro woman Peggy also
one bed and a furniture also the choice of my two yoke oxen to him
and his heirs forever. I then I give to my beloved daughter Elizabeth
Blanchard one cow and calf one year and a Lamb and one stock
of bees to her & her heirs forever. I then I give to my

I have given as my two daughters Sarah Mellean and Mary Mellean fifty pounds a piece to be raised out of my estate provided one or both of them dies without issue the money to be and remain in my estate. I hereby do appoint my beloved son Benj. Mellean Jethro Mellean and James Mellean my whole and sole executors of this my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day & date above written.

Signed sealed & delivered
in the presents of us

John ^{his} L. Murfree
Thomas ^{mark} Marshall

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Jethro L. Mellean 
mark

State of South Carolina

York County

3/5 November County Court of Pleas &c 1864

The within will was exhibited into court by Jethro Mellean one of the executors therein appointed and was proved by the oath of Thomas Marshall one of the subscribing witnesses. Whereupon the said will was read and he received at the same time the said executor came into court and qualified himself for that office and gave bond for Jethro's Testamentary Executor which was accordingly granted.

Test J. Baker

unto John Beasley one cow beast and the eight part of my wearing
aparell one basin Item I give and bequeeth unto Redicks Beasley
one cow beast one basin and the eight part of wearing apparell
Item I give and bequeeth unto Mary Beasley daughter of Mary
Beasley one cow beast and two plates and the eight part of
my wearing apparell and spun cotton for thirteen yards of cloth
Item I give and bequeeth unto Parshaba Beasley one cow beast and
two plates and the eight part of my wearing apparell. - Item I
give unto my daughter Rachel one old cow and calf and a new
one called habit patron. Item I give and bequeeth unto my dau-
ghter Mary one new habit and one habit patron and all the
remaining of my property to be equally divided amongst my
grand children. I do nominate and appointed my friend
Joseph my whole and sole executor to this my last will test
ment hereby revoking all other Wills or forms whatevise by me
made in this respect whereof I hereunto set my hand and
foot and seal this first day of February eighteen hundred
and twenty five years.

Test Burrell Griffith Jurat

John Warren

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Bethany V. Boyce
mark

Aunt Gooding
mark

State of North Carolina

Gates County

February County Court of North Carolina

March 1885

Last will of Aunt Gooding Dec^d was exhibited into court by her personal
heir executor therein appointed and was proved by the oath of
Burrell Griffith one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and
an motion was ordered to be recorded

In the name of God Amen I William Lafater of the County of Gates & State of
North Carolina being sick and weak in body but of a sound and perfect
memory thanks be given to the divine for the same do make constitute and
ordain this my last Will & Testament in form and manner as followeth
First I give and recommend my soul in the hands of allmighty God to be
dealt with agreeable to his Justice my body I commit to the earth in