

I Misbach Couch of Guilford County in the State of North Carolina being of Sound Mind & Memory, do make this my Last Will & Testament, as Follows 1st It is my will that all My Last Debts & Funeral Charges be paid

2nd I Give to my beloved wife Mary Couch the Use & profits of my plantation I now live on, with the use of the Stock of Horses Cattle Sheep & Hogs & Farming Tools (except such as are herein after disposed of to the Children,) with the Household & Kitchen Furniture for her to have the Use & profits during her widowhood. If my son Misbach Should Continue with her & take Care of the plantation & the interest thereof during her widowhood, that he have an equal share of all the profits arising thereon that is for them to have part & part alike, But if my widow Should Marry I Give her a Bridle & Saddle One Feather Bed & Common Furniture all her wearing Clothes to her her heirs & assigns forever.

3rd I Give to my daughter Mary One Feather Bed & furniture that Belonging One Chest One Table One Side Saddle One Linen Wash, & One Cow, all of which are called, hers to her her heirs & assigns forever. & her share of the House as long as she lives Single.

4th I Give to my Daughter Presilla One Feather Bed with Common Furniture One Chest & One Cow, to her her heirs & assigns forever. & if is my will that if either of my above mentioned daughters die without heir of Body that her part devolve to the Survivor.

5th I Give to my Three Sons John Misbach & Joshua, at the decease or Marriage of their Mother all my Tract of Land whereon I now live to be divided by Egan Stephens & Joshua Johnson (if I do not live to lay it out myself), So that John have Sixty five Acres in the North East Corner & Joshua Forty Acres in the North West Corner & all the remaining parcel of About One Hundred & Fifty Acres more or less to Misbach Couch including the dwelling & plantation to him, as specified, to her heirs & assigns forever. It is my will that if either or any of these Three Sons die without heir of Body that his or their part devolve to the Survivor or Survivors.

6th I Give to my Children Sally, Samuel, Charlotte, Phoebe, James Joseph Mathews & Mary One Dollar each to be paid After the decease or Marriage of my widow.

7th I Give to my daughter Presilla the sum of Two Dollars to be paid After the decease or marriage of my widow.

8th It is my will that in the event of the death of my wife Mary Couch

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8th It is my will & desire that if any disagreement take place in
any Way. respecting my Estate that the parties Choose indifferent.

Wm. to settle the same & that the award of such men so chosen be as binding
as a Jury Verdict of a Jury.

And lastly I appoint my wife Mary Couch my Executrix & Michael Couch
my Son & Executor to this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all Others.

This 19th 8th mo. 1820

Signed Sealed & delivered by the Testator to
be his last Will & Testament, in presence of

J. Nathan Mendenhall
Judith Mendenhall J. S. Curant

Michael Couch Seal

Copied for Co.

State of North Carolina,
Gaston County 8 August Term 1824

The Execution of the foregoing Will was proven in Open Court, by
Nathan Mendenhall & Judith Mendenhall & Ordered to be
Recorded

Then Came in Mary Couch Exec^{tr} & Michael Couch
Executors & Qualified

Just

John Hamner C.C.C.