

proper hand and also that they found the same in the desk of the
deceased amongst his valuable Papers and On motion Ordered to be
Recorded Whereupon Martha Cobb. Stiggers the Examiners Thomas
Kame came in & was duly qualified Jurors and thereupon Abraham
Hodge came in Open Court on Tuesday in the same Session and
made Oath that he was well acquainted with the hand writing of
John Stiggers dec'd. & this will being in the said John being present
he said that he believed the said John subscribed the same
with his own proper hand.

Wm. J. Long

The last will and Testament of Jacob Ross In the name of God
Amen in the sixth day of April 1797 I Jacob Ross of the County of
Halifax and State of North Carolina being sick in body but good of
perfect memory Thanks be to Almighty God do make this my last
will & Testament in manner & form as follows. I do give and
bequeath one Cow & Calf to John Campbell son of Jacob Campbell
I likewise give him the Red Trundle whereon I live and a two year
old Barrow likewise give a powder barrel powder pistol & two cotton
Barrels & one frying pan to him This I bear witness. I then give to my
loving wife Catherine Ross all the rest of my property both stock and

and Prop. etc

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Household Furniture and utensils belonging to me my horse Coll I have
to be sold to pay my worldly debts and all the property that I have
Given to my wife she should have the use of it her life and then
my desire that all the property that I have given her at her death
it should belong to her son Ely Blackburn to him this Iursfour
I leave for my Executors John Bishop and Proin Bishop Given under
my hand & Seal this 6th day of April 1799 —

^{his}
Jacob X Campbell

^{mark}
Ely X Blackburn

^{mark}
Dunlop County Jc

^{his}
Jacob & Proin Bishop
^{mark}

May Session 1802 Then this will was Exhibited in Open
Court for probate and it appearing to the Court that one of the subscribing
witnesses thereto is dead that the other hath removed into foreign parts
unknown & thereupon John Bishop who is named as an Executor
therein was present at the reading & concealing of said will and having
first refused to Qualify as an Executor thereto and after being sworn
together that he ^{saw} the said Testator Execute the same as his last will
& Testament and that he was of sound mind & disposing memory
and that he Executed the same freely and of his own Accord and
at the same ^{time} he said Jacob Campbell & Ely Blackburn subscribe by
making their marks as witnesses thereto and On Motion Ordered to
be Recorded —

(Allins) L.C.O.