

Thomas Merrill's Will.

In the name of God amen. I Thomas Merrill of Halifax County in the State of North Carolina, being sick & weak in body, but of sound & perfect mind & memory blessed be God, do this 22nd day of June in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety, make & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following. To wit. I give & bequeath to my Loving Wife Mary Merrill my best bed & Furniture, One Spinning Wheel, One pair of Cotton Cards & my bay Mare called Silencer to her & her heirs & assigns forever. I give & bequeath to my son Frederick Merrill the Land & plantation wherein I now live being Seventy five acres to him his heirs & assigns forever: And it is my Will that all the Remainder part of my Estate shall be sold to the highest bidder for six Months Credit & the Money arising from said Sale I give & bequeath to be equally divided between my five Children To wit. Frederick Merrill, Shadrach Merrill, Abner Merrill, Bethiah Knight the Wife of John Knight, & Bethany Knight the Wife of Robert Knight; to them their heirs & assigns forever. And lastly, I do hereby make & Ordain my son Frederick Merrill & my son Shadrach Merrill Executors of this my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I the said Thomas Merrill, have to this my last Will & Testament set my hand & Seal, the day & Year above written.

Signed Sealed Published & declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us John Denton William Gunter Luke Hanks
Halifax County 20th

Thomas ^{his} ~~x~~ Merrill ^{mark}

February Session 1898, then this Will was exhibited in open Court & duly proved by the Oaths of John Denton & William Gunter two of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, & on Motion Ordered to be Recorded; Whereupon the Executors in the last Will named Came in, & was duly Qualified thereto.

Witnesses
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Myrtle Will.

In the name of God amen. I J. M. Myrtle of Halifax County & State of North Carolina, being sick & weak of body, but of sound mind & memory, do make & Ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner & form following. To wit. It is my will & desire that all my just debts should first be paid out of my estate. I bequeath to my Wife, J. M. Myrtle, my share back to her.