

State of North Carolina In the name of God Amen I Josiah Swindell of the County of Hyde and Province of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and hath called to mind the uncertainty of this life and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, do make and Ordain this my last will and testament, Revoking and disannulling all other wills and testaments whatever before by me made and done and for such worldly goods it hath pleased God to bestow or give I leave in the manner and form following, that is to say I leave and Bequeath to my son Robert Swindell all my Blacksmith Shop tools and instruments therunto belonging, and one hand saw and one broad cut saw and all my lumber debts that is due to me at my decease. — and as for the Remaining or residue of the miscanack tools I leave to be Equally divided amongst my five sons called Chimdale, Ananias, Samuel, Wilkes and Robert Swindell. I leave and Bequeath to my dearly Beloved wife Esther Swindell all the Remaining part or residue of my estate or property to her firmly to be her right and property during her natural lifetime, and then after her decease I give that her remnant shall be equally divided amongst my five following children, Excepting the fullfilling of my debts is that my son Robert Swindell to have one feather bed & furniture delivered to him first and then to be equally divided as aforesaid. May my five following children called Chimdale, Ananias, Samuel, Wilkes, Robert, and also my five Daughters named after their mother Margaret Sadler, Priscilla Harris, Deborah Davis, Ann McKinnon and Elizabeth Tanner — But as to my son Abraham Swindell and his heirs I bequeath them of with one King & Shilling Sterling and no more. — and also I constitute and appoint my son Robert Swindell Executor and my wife Esther Swindell Executrix of this my last will and testament. Witness which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of May one thousand Eight Hundred and four Aigned Sealed and pronounced —

in the presence of just witnesses } Josiah Swindell (Seal)

That John Henry }
Thomas Sanderson } Continued on next page —

Hyde County, p. August term 1806. The Due Execution of this last will and testament of Josiah Swindell Decd. was proved in open Court by the oath of Thomas Sanderson an Evidence thereto ordered to be Recorded.

Test Ben. Forman Clerk

James Crider Feb 3rd 1800

From Record of will and all annexes

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R. A. Harris, etc

Now when the seventeenth day of one thousand seven hundred and ninety six in the name of God Amen I Mary Mason of the County of Hyde and Province of North Carolina being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, to make and Ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and Recommend my soul into the hand of the Almighty God that gave it and Body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Buriall where with I give and dispose of my property in the following manner and form. In first I place I give Bequeath unto Abraham Arthurson son of my Brother Abraham Arthurson a piece or parcel of land containing one hundred more or less more or less, lying on the west side of Wetmore Creek binding on both sides of the River and if he or she should die without lawful heir of his Body, then my will and desire is that his sister Mary Arthurson should inherit the said Land. — Also, I give and Bequeath unto James and Abraham Arthurson sons of my Brother Abraham Arthurson my horse all my tools and my land to be equally divided between them two. I give and bequeath to James Arthurson two cows and calves, I give and bequeath unto my Brother wife Hephzibah Arthurson all my provisions that I leave behind, then I give and bequeath unto Mary and Lacey Arthurson Daughters of my Brother Abraham Arthurson two daughters all my household furniture, and likewise all my wearing cloaths the same her girls — Mary and Lacey Arthurson. Continued on next page —

it to be equally divided between the girls, also my will and
Desire after my debts are all paid that my Brother Abraham
Arthur three youngest children shall inherit all the better
and better except those that is leguised and a my faith paying
Debt to Abraham Mary and Lacey Arthur and lastly I do
leave to James Arthur and Abraham Arthur to be my lonly
Executors to this my last will and testament signed sealed

Witness Daniel Wilkinson

Abram ^{his} fatherwards
Purdum ^{his} shade

Mary ^{her} Mason ^{her} Seal

Hyde County August term 1816
The Due Execution of this last will and
testament of Mary Mason Dec. was
exhibited into Court and proved by the
oaths of Abram fatherwards one of
the subscribing witnesses thereto

Ordered to be Recorded

Attest. Ben. Foreman Clk.

Transcribed Feb 3rd 1811

From Record of Will and accounts

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R. D. Harris c.c.

State of North Carolina I this make my last will and testament
Hyde County I first to first I give unto my wife
Sarah the House and Land whereon I now live during her life or
widowhood also one feather bed and one chest the choice
of them, also two spinning wheels and all the got from
one cow and yearling and a two year old heifer and all
the luggs that I possess. Then I give unto my son Michael
sixty acres of Land lying at Mount Pleasant joining
William Brooks and Banister Midgells one mare and geld
that he now claims The Land whereon I now live and
after the decease of my wife to belong to my two sons Asie
and Josiah. Then I give unto my Daughter Leah one
bed and furniture, one chest and a wheel formerly called
mine one cow and calf. And all the rest of my property
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without here and within to be sold to raise and school my children one
and I leave my Father Christopher Midgett and my wife my whole and sole
Executor to this my last will and testament. Janu 6th 1816

Green Carruman
Josiah Jarvis

Jesse Midgett Seal

Hyde County August term 1816
The Due Execution of this last will and testament
of Jesse Midgett Dec. was exhibited into Court and
proved by the oath of Green Carruman one of the
subscribing witnesses thereto ordered to be
recorded

Attest. Ben. Foreman Clk.

Transcribed Feb 3rd 1811

From Record of will and accounts

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R. D. Harris c.c.

In the name of God, Amen, I Christopher Midgett of the County of
Hyde & State of North Carolina Being weak in body but of sound
& perfect mind & memory do make & ordain this my last
will and testament in manner & form following. First
I do ordain unto my Beloved wife Mary the Plantation I now live
on with all the houses & buildings & I do ordain unto her all my
plantation tools & I do ordain unto her my negro fellow Peter.
The Property that I do ordain to my I do ordain to her during her nat-
ural life & I do ordain unto her two beds & furniture -
Then I give and bequeath unto the heirs of Jesse Midgett five
pounds to them & their heirs for ever. Then I give and bequeath
unto Robert Midgett twenty shilling to him & his heirs for ever
Then I give & bequeath unto Michael Midgett five pounds to him
this heirs for ever. Then I give & bequeath unto Elizabeth Midgett
one heifer some one shand to her & her heirs for ever. Then I give
& bequeath unto my son Christopher Midgett one half of my
working Land & it being the best part of my Land to him
& his heirs for ever. - Then I give and bequeath unto
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