

my son Jacob Corner and Rudrick Barrow Executors
 to this my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof
 I have set my Hand and seal

This 19th Day of April one thousand and Eighty
 Last John Merkleman Jacob ^{his} Corner (Seal)
 Benjamin Willins
 And Barrow

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In the name of God Amen.

I Samuel Ethridge of the County of Hyde & State of North Carolina
 forever being sick and weak of Body but of Sound Disposing mind &
 memory and what worldly Goods the Lord hath Been Pleased to Bless me
 with give in the following manner viz.

Item I give to my beloved wife Lydia Ethridge the use of my Plantation
 where I now live during her widowhood.

Item I give devise and Bequeath to my two sons Tho^s and Samuel
 Ethridge the Plantation and the Land there to Belonging
 where I now live to be Equally Divided between them
 when the youngest arrives to the age of twenty years.

Item I give and Bequeath to my son Tho^s Ethridge one B^oat
 and half a Dozen ^{new} shoes and one pair of Belton shoes

Item I give to my son Samuel Ethridge one bed and furniture and Litter and
 one hand mill.

Item I give and Bequeath to my two sons Tho^s & Samuel Ethridge my
 Right of the Negroes belonging to my Father's Estate in Virginia.

Item I give to my three Children Susanna John and Dinah Ethridge
 a negro boy named Adam a negro girl named Peggy and a negro woman
 named Nan and their increase to be Equally Divided between them when
 the youngest arrives to the age of fifteen years but my wife
 to have the use of the said stock during her widowhood.

Item I give to my daughter Susanna one linen wheel and one boxian.

Item I give to my son John Ethridge one bed and furniture and a pair
 of put trousers.

Item I give to my daughter Dinah a Chest of Drawers.

Item I give to my five Children each of them two halves a piece to be one
 year old and upwards to be delivered to the s^d children when they
 arrive to the age of seven years.

Item I give all the Hand money left at my decease to School my
 Children on as far as it will go.

Item I bind to my loving wife my negro man named Jack to support
 and raise my children till they come to the age of fourteen years each
 on condition the s^d Jack behave him self well if otherwise my will
 is that the Executor and Executor may swap or sell and replace another
 in his room if they can and after the s^d Children arrive to the above mentioned
 age the s^d the s^d negro or money I give to my loving wife to her own free
 will and disposal forever.

Item I give the Remainder of my estate that is not will away to my loving
 wife to her own free & disposal forever.

Lastly I do constitute and appoint my loving wife Lydia Ethridge
 my Executor and the s^d Smith & Latham Bell my Executors of this my last
 will and Testament in the witness where of I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal this 16th Day of April 1780

Signed Sealed published
 and Delivered by the
 Testator in the presence of us -

Sam^l Ethridge (Seal)

Sam Davis
 James Cove

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