

In the name of God amen

I Jesse Fortune of the county of Fredell State of N. Carolina being of perfect mind & memory by the blessing of God. V to this 10th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirteen make & publish my last will & Testament in manner & form following. That is to say:

First, that after all my just debts are paid I do will & bequeath that betsey my beloved wife do keep in her possession all my property Lands Stock & household furniture Also Negroes untill my son William comes to the age of twenty one and at that time I do will that all the property Lands Negroes & Stock & every thing be sold to their value & then I will that my sons Jason, Thomas & William receive their part of an equal dividend between my wife & all my children except my daughter Matilda each of the children to receive their part as they arrive of age. I will to my daughter Matilda one negro girl called Mary one Bed & furniture & one good side saddle. I will that seventy dollars be taken out of all my property to be put to the use of schooling my children from John my son down to the youngest. I will that if should so happen in the course of providence that my wife Betsey should die or marry before all the children should receive their part that all the property be sold & those that have not received their part then to receive it.

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I do will to my son Jason my part of one negro boy that is in the possession of Mr. Wallen & likewise a note that I have on Wm. L. Lander of fifteen dollars. I do hereby constitute my wife Executrix & my son Jason Executor & the Executor & Executrix of this my last will & Testament in witness my hand & seal

Witness
John Fremster
Jacob Kevatter
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In presence of
Jasper Fortune
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