

in presence of us

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James Guy Pea^{ol}

James L. Fortune ^{Esq.} ^{copy of the above given to him}

In the name of God amen. John Ewing of Piedell County in the State of N. Carolina being in a weak state of body but of sound & perfect mind & memory calling to mind the mortality of this mortal knowing that is appointed for all men since to die, but as a dissolution of this mortal frame is a certain event the time of its taking place is unknown to us under these considerations therefore I do ordain constitute & appoint this & this only to be my last will & testament touching only such colorable ~~estate~~ goods as I have been favoured with in this transitory life, all of which I do give devise & dispose in manner & form following (to wit) First I will all my just debts & burial expences to be paid, Secondly I do will & all my land to be run round surveyed & all lines established, Thirdly, I do will & bequeath to my son William Ewing a certain part of the lower ~~to~~ end of my land including the farm whereon he now lives to be run of in the following manner (to wit) Beginning on the cabins line adjacent to the partition fence that now stand between my cleared land & that of my aforesaid son William Ewing ~~from~~ ~~near the mouth of the first large hollow~~ running down & fence to the creek then up the channel of ~~the~~ Creek to a

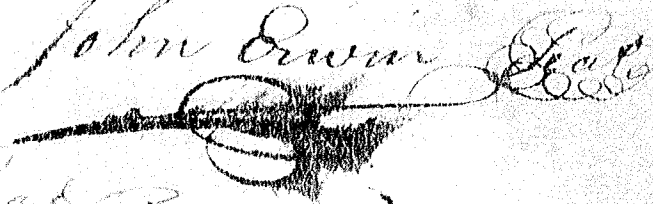
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Short turn on end of said creek above said Mr. Erwin's field near
the mouth of the first large hollow & then to run north from D
Creek in such a direction as will give the one half of the
Land which I hold & am seized & possessed of on the west side of
S. Creek. & all the land which I am seized & possessed of to the
south of S. Line (with all its improvements & appurtenances) I
do will & bequeath to my aforesaid son William Erwin his heirs
& assigns forever. Fourthly, I do will & bequeath to my son
John Erwin all the other half of my land which I am seized
& possessed of on the west side of said creek which is not herein
before willed to my son William Erwin it being understood
that my land on the west side of said Creek is to be equally
divided between my two aforesaid sons. & all the land
which I am seized & possessed of on the west side of said Creek
& beginning North of the dividing line herein before ~~divided~~
directed to be run with all its improvements & appurtenances
I do will & bequeath to my son John Erwin his heirs & assigns
forever. Fifthly, I do will & bequeath to my son Ephraim
Erwin all the residue of my land which he is to east of the afore-
said Creek with all its improvements & appurtenances to
only proper use & behoof forever him the said Ephraim Erwin his
heirs & assigns forever. Sixthly, I do will that at the expir-
ation of five years from the probate of this will each of my
three before mentioned sons shall pay fifty Cent, p. Acre
for the land herein before mentioned directed to them which
sum shall be equally divided between the rest of my children
(to wit) David Erwin, Robert Erwin, Mary Boggs & Isbel Maugh
Seventhly, I do will & bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Erwin

divided between my two aforementioned sons. All the Land
which I am seized possessed of on the west side of said Creek
& beginning North of the dividing line herein before divided
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I do will & bequeath to my son John Erwin his heirs & assigns
forever. Secondly, I do will & bequeath to my son Ephraim
Erwin all the residue of my land which he is to east of the afore-
said Creek with all its improvements & appurtenances, to
only proper use & behoof forever him the said Ephraim Erwin his
heirs & assigns forever. Thirdly, My will is that at the expir-
ation of five years from the probate of this will each of my
three aforementioned sons shall pay fifty Cent. pr. Acre
for the land herein before mentioned devised to them which
sum shall be equally divided between the rest of my children.
(to wit) David Erwin, Robert Erwin, Mary Bogle, & Isbel Waugh.
Seventhly, I do will & bequeath to my beloved wife Jean Erwin
a decent & comfortable living Maintenance on my land
during her natural life which Maintenance shall be furni-
shed equally by three sons first mentioned & shall consist
of a sufficient quantity of Corn, Flower, beef, Pork Sugar &c.
for the support of her & Rachel Davis as long as shee
my live with her. Also I do will & bequeath to my aforesaid
wife Jean Erwin the free & unincumbered use privately & prop-
erly of the House wherein I now live during her natural

and my three first mentioned sons shall put it in good
repair for her. And further I do will & bequeath to my
aforesaid wife one bay mare & one flacked Cow & all my
house hold furniture of every kind except what is herein
after devised to Rachel Davis, & my three ~~first~~ first ment-
ioned sons is to furnish a equality between them a
sufficiency of Grain & Provender to feed & keep the mare
& Cow herein before devised to my aforesaid wife Jean
Erwin my home bible, I will & bequeath to my wife Jean
Erwin during her natural life & afterwards to my son
Ephraim Erwin. To Rachel Davis I will & bequeath
one bed & to her one spinning wheel & one pair of
cards. ^{Item} I will & bequeath to my son Ephraim Erwin
all my farming tools of every kind & all the crop of
now growing & grain on hand. ^{Item} My flock
of Hogs I do will for the support & maintenance
of my aforesaid wife as far as they may go.
Lastly I do ordain constitute & appoint John Gavin
& Thomas Crawford Esq. Executors of this my last will
& Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & affixed my Seal this 27th day of September 1873
Signed sealed & Delivered

in presence of us
James Jones Junr
William Gavin

John Erwin 
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