

John McDaniel Jurat & Seal

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In the Name of God Amen

I John Finch of the County of Iredell in the State of North Carolina not enjoying a good state of health but at the same time having the blessing of a sound mind and memory blessed be the Almighty God for the same do make and ordain this my instrument of writing to be my last will and testament in the manner and form following this 23 of May 1815 —

First. I allow all my just debts and funeral expensies to be paid by my Executors I will hereafter Mention
Second. I do ~~will~~ ^{bequeath} leave unto my beloved wife Nancy and during her widowhood or until my youngest child become of age and to have the profits arising from the same for the support of her and ^{my} children like wise I trust of my Estate after

after my Executors makes a settlement of the whole of ³⁷
my business for four years for the clothing and schooling
my children also one half of my cow stock
all the hog stock to be applied to the use of support-
ing my wife and children as above, also I leave
and bequeath to my wife to be at her own disposal
one horse creation I have choice, two saddles and bridle
one Bed ~~and~~ furniture one cupboard and kitchen
furniture one table, six chairs, two Flows, two pairs of bears
Two Boats two Axes one sprouting tree, of all her choice
and if so be my wife should marry before my
youngest child, that is James Hiram should be
of age my above mentioned land then to be
sold and to be divided in the same manner
I will hereafter allow the rest of my property
to be divided - I also allow my wearing apparel
to be divided at the discretion of my wife
Third I allow the balance of my property of every
description to be sold at public sale by giving
twelve months credit as soon after my death

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as can conveniently be and the amount
thereof after my executor makes a settlement
of my Estate it with the rest of my Estate
that is in notes and Book accounts to be
equally divided between my wife and all
my children. That is Sidney, Oliver, Alex^{der}
Versipa, Mariah, Betsey, Malise, James
Gillasp, Luise, Almira, Margaret, Bel Lin^{da}
James Hiram Shear & Shear & like

5th Back to have their share after my Executor settles my
estate if any of them be of age at that time if not
to reserve their ~~share~~ ^{shares} when they come of age as my
above mentioned lands are to be sold at my wife's ma-
riage or death the ^{amount} arising from the same to be equa-
lly divided as above ~~shares~~ and share alike between
my eight children There is one set of ^{silver} sea spoons
in my cupboard furniture I have left to my wife
I will and bequeath to my daughter Versipor Monech
and as much out of my estate before a division is
made, as will get each of my daughters a set equal
to Versipor's and if any of my children be of
age before the Trust I have left to my wife on
my estate is made The Trust is to be reduced
out of their share that is each share to have its
portion alike. I do hereby appoint my trusty friends
^{John} Gullaspa, and Alexander Terrance, my just and
lawful Executors To execute this instrument of and
ing as my last will and testament here by revoking
all others with 23 day of May 1815

Signed & sealed in the presence of
Wm James Gullaspa & John Kinch
Alexander Terrance & James