

In the Name of God Amen.

I Edward S. Franks of the County of Jones, and State of North Carolina seriously considering the uncertainty of life & mindful of the obligations upon every man to leave his affairs in order do make & ordain this my last Will & testament in manner and form following (Viz.)
 Empress. It is my particular desire that my Executors should liquidate and pay all my just debts.

2^{dy} I give desire and bequeath my lands lying on White Oak River between Huggins & Spearmans Branches in the County of Anson to my sister Deborah Mitchell & my brother Isaac Ramsay & their heirs equally to be divided between them; but in case either should die without leaving lawful issue, then I wish the survivor to have the whole except that I wish Abraham Mitchell to have a life estate in the lands which his wife may desire under this my will & if both the said Deborah & Isaac should die without leaving lawful issue as aforesaid then and in that case I wish said lands to go to my nephew Edward Hardy and his heirs.

3^{dy} I give to my wife Mary Franks one third part of all my cleared lands and tenements in the County of Jones and Anson except the lands herein given to my sister Deborah & brother Isaac & nephew Edwards during her natural life. Also One Bed & its furniture & six Sitting Chairs.

4th I give and desire all my lands on Tuckahoe Creek in Jones County to my nephew Edward Hardy and his heirs.

5th I give desire and bequeath the rest & residue and remainder of my estate of what kind or nature soever except hereinafter mentioned to my son William S. Franks & his heirs and if he should die without leaving lawful issue then and in that case I desire and bequeath the same to my said sister Deborah ~~and~~ ~~as the Considerations and Limitations~~ brother Isaac and their heirs to be equally divided under the same considerations and limitations as the desire herein before made to them and if the s^d. Deborah, Isaac, Wm. should all die without leaving

lawful issue then I give said property to my next heirs at law. I wish all my passible property to be sold by my Executors and after payment of my just debts. I wish them to apply the surplus thereof and the rents this and profits of the estate and pecuniary given to my son Wm H Franks to his maintenance and liberal Education. Which I wish them to order and direct as his Guardians, and if he should die before comes of age then I wish what remains unpended of this fund to be equally divided between my sister Deborah & brother Isaac, in case any contest should arise about my meanings in this my will. I hereby desire and ordain that the decision of my Executors thereon shall be final and conclusive without resort to any other tribunals.

Lastly, I nominate my trusty friends Abram Mitchell and Isaac Barrows Executors of this my last Will and Testament signed published and declared this 10th day of May 1824

In the presence of us who had subscribed in presence of this testament

W. H. Franks (Seal)

Amos W. Simmons

Solo Q. Grant

Bryant Saunders

The within Will was proved by the Oath of Solomon E. Grant who saw that he signed it in presence of testator, that testator was of sound disposing mind & memory and that Bryant Saunders signed it at same time in presence of testator. Court of pleas & Quarter Sessions Decr Term 1828. Jmes C.C.

At same time &

H. Bryan Clk

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State of North Carolina
 Jones County

I Charles Percock Clerk of
 the County Court of Place & Quarter Sessions for the County of
 Jones. do hereby certify that the foregoing last and will and
 testament together with the certificate of probate and true cop-
 ies of the same as entered in Will Book B folio 91 & 92 as
 on of record in this Office

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and affixed the seal of
 our said Court at Office at Trenton
 this 30th day of October A.D. 1852

Chas. Percock Clerk
