

In the name of God Amen: I John Sarmon Ind^d of the County of
Jones and State of North Carolina being Sick in Body but of Sound mind
and memory blessed be god and knowing it is appointed for all to die do make
this my last will and Testament, in manner and following=
that is I recommend my soul to god who gave it - and my body to be decently
buried, but in a plain manner at the discretion of my friends - and as touching
such worldly Estate as it hath pleased god to bless me with, I will and bequeath
as follows, that is first of all I leave to my wife Elizabeth during her
natural life or widowhood all my Estate (not otherwise here in disposed of)
That is all my Lands and plantation my three negroes, Rachael, Clary, and
George my two grown horses, my Stock of Cattle, hogs, and Sheep - except as
hereafter mentioned, and all my house hold and kitchen furniture and
plantation tools with all my Corn and meat with all other things in
my estate only as much to be sold at the discretion of my executors
as will pay all my just debts and expences, I further give and bequeath
to my beloved wife two beds Chest and Chairs that was her when I
married her, to her and her heirs and assigns for ever -
I also give and bequeath to my apprentice Lad Jesse Taylor my young
filly Called Dandy, and one Sow and pigs and two geese and Lambs to her
and his heirs for ever and after the death of my said wife Elizabeth
I give and bequeath unto my friend Isaac Brown all my Lands and
plantation from whom I had to prom, to him and his heirs and assigns
for ever - and after the death of my said wife I give and bequeath
to my friend Jacobus Brown my three negroes, Rachael, Clary and
George to him & his heirs for ever - and further at the death or marriage
of my said wife Elizabeth, what ever and all other things of my
estate loaned to her I give and bequeath to be equally divided between
Barnabas Giles and John Giles Sons of William M. Giles and grand Son
one to my first wife and the other to my said present wife Elizabeth
which said property to be equally divided between them to them and their heirs
and assigns for ever.
Excluding my Brothers and Sisters and their Representatives from any share
of my Estate, namely William Sarmons De^d, Ann Mashburn De^d, Barbara
Sarmons De^d, Piddon Sarmons, Michael Sarmon, Cepha and Daniel
Mary Haygood and Thomas Sarmon all of which is excluded from any
part of my estate, but wishing them well and prosperous in their own labors
and lastly I nominate and appoint my trusty friends Isaac Brown and Jacobus
Brown the sole executors of this my last will and Testament writing
any will formally made on in any wise named by me: Ratifying this & no other
In witness whereof I set my hand and Seal this the 7th day of

May A.D. 1840

Signed sealed and
acknowledged - before us
in each others presence

John Sarmon
Jesse Taylor
Isaac Brown
Isaac Brown

John his Sarmon De^d mark

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Jones County } September Term 1840

Then was the within and foregoing last Will and Testament of John Sarman produced & proved in open Court in due form of Law by the oath of Sarman Rooned Sepetalon & Nancy Brown the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded At the same time Zachariah Brown and of the Executors thereto Qualifyed as such

Witness W. H. Hammond Cler.

I certify this to be a true Copy from the original filed in office September Term 1840 W. H. Hammond Cler

In the Name of God Amen. I Simon Meadows of County of Jones and State of North Carolina being very sick in body but of perfect mind and Memory thanks be given unto God, Calling unto mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors; nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give, demise, and dispose of the same in the following following manner and form.

First I leave to my dearly beloved Wife Polly, my two Negro fellows by the Names of Moses and Obbie also Negro woman Milla during her life also two Beds furniture for the same and Bed Steads, And Horses by the Names of Rattle, and Spike also two Cows by the names of Sil & Eagle, And Cart one desk four sitting Chair two Tables and Cupboard and the Cookery ware it contains and Kitchen Furniture And Loom and four Sleys four pair of Loom Gear two wooden Wheels & one Linen Wheel And Hundred and fifty Acres of Land which my residence is built upon also the Balance of my Stock Consisting of Cattle Hogs and Sheep all the plantation Tools the above Mentioned shall be Justly Considered firm during the Natural life of my Wife Polly then at her decease to be inherited by George H. Meadows to have and to hold forever Also I give unto my Brother Edward Meadows of the Town of Newbern State North the Sum of Two Dollars Lawful Money to be raised out of my Estate and also to my Brother Middleton Meadows I give the Sum of Two dollars to be raised out of my Estate, also I give unto Edward Dickson's Children three Cows known by the Names of Flower Bell & Fortin them & their increase also fifty Acres of Land where E. Dickson now lives on the East side from