

State of North Carolina Jones County East of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
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There was the foregoing last will and Testament of Simmons Ester produced & proved in open Court in due form of Law and ordered to be Recorded at the same time Samuel Weston one of the Executors therein named Qualified as such and said that letters testamentary issued to him

Witness My Hand & Seal

I hereby Certify that the above is a true copy from the original filed in office December Term 1839

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In the name of God amen.

I Lawson Mallard of the County of Jones & State of North Carolina being Old & infirm of body but of perfect sound mind & disposing memory and calling to mind the mortality of the body & that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this to be my last will & Testament that is to say First of all I Recommend my soul unto Almighty God that gave it me & body to the mother dust from whence it was taken to be buried in a decent Christianlike manner at the discretion of my Executor herein after named and as touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give & devise in manner & form following

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Daniel Mallard all of the lands that I now own & on the condition that he shall support his mother Nancy Mallard during her natural life, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Mallard the bed & room and reading Chair unto her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my grand Daughter Elizabeth Hancock one Colt that now sucks and about four months old one time prior the Clock now in the hand sleep one feather bed in addition to what I have already given her.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my grand Son John A. M. Daniel one feather bed bedstead and furniture to be delivered after the death of his grand mother Nancy Mallard or sooner if she please, to him his heirs & assigns forever.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my grand Daughter Nancy Hancock one feather bed bedstead and furniture (to be delivered after the death of her grand mother Nancy Mallard or sooner if she please) to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my grand Daughter Elenden Mallard half a dozen silver tea spoons to her her heirs & assigns forever.

Item. it is also my will and desire that should I die before the crop that is now on the ground should be raised & disposed of that my Executor herein after mentioned should have said crop & after taking one half of the Corn him self then sell the my Hogs and divide said pork and the balance of said Corn equally between his mother Nancy Mallard and the within named Elizabeth Hancock and a like the balance of said crop to go in the hands of said Executor for the use of him self and mother —

Item. it is my desire that all of my property not herein given away or disposed of should be sold on a credit of six months and the money arising from such sale after paying my debts if any funeral expenses should be divided equally between my wife Mary Mallard my Daughter

Larry, Mr Daniel and my Son Daniel deatend to share & share alike to them
their and a share for ever.

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my Son Daniel deatend
my whole & sole Executor to this my last will & Testament nothing all
other former Wills by me made & Ratifying & Confirming this to be my
only true & last will & Testament - Shewings whereof I have unto all my hand
I bear this 29th day of July A.D. 1839
Signed sealed &
acknowledged by the

Testator in presence of
Jno Nathan Foster
George W. Barrell

Samuel Mallard (Sign)

State of North Carolina, County of Plac and Quarter Sessions
James Cannon

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Wm. H. Hammond cec