

In the name of God Amen. (207)

I Moses Gooding of the State of N^o Carolina & County of Jones being Sick of Body but of perfect mind & memory do make & contain this my last Will & Testament, which is as follows (To wit)

First I give my soul to almighty God who gave it & my Body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named

Secondly I give my beloved Wife Mary Gooding my Bay Horse called Bright, also two Feather Beds & Trusselbeds her choice & Ten Cows & calves her choice of my stock, Twelve Cows & one Ram, also I give her Eight Sows, fifty four Pigs, & fifteen Year old Hogs — Also I give her a sufficient of Meat to support the Family one Year to be judged by two good Men, also one hundred Barrels of Corn for the use of the Family all the Year, & to her her Hens & Pigeons for ever — Also I lend to my Wife aforesaid, a Saddle, Blackboard, Dish, also I lend for the use of the Family five Cows & calves & Ten Hens, also I lend for the use of the Family all my household & Kitchen Furniture, & the Hogs land that shall come of the Hogs killed for the Family & two Bar ploughs & two Hooks four Axes & two Grubbing axes & three Axes & one Cart & Gears for the Cart, & ploughs, also I lend to my Wife one Negro Woman named Ginny all which I lend to her during her life & widowhood —

It is further my desire that my Wife should have the use of the land that I bought of Thomas Dillahunty, and the Land I bought of William Dean during her life or widowhood to maintain the Children on it is also my desire that all the Fodder should be for the use of feeding the Stock —

Item I give & bequath to my Brother Frederick that part or parcel of Land described as follows beginning at a pine Daniel Goodings beginning tree & runs with his first line to a small Branch near the second Corner, then with the run of said Branch down to the main Branch, then with the run of that Branch up to a ditch then the Courses of the Ditch to the given line of Daniel Goodings & over then with the same to the beginning & the same more or less to him his Heirs & Assigns for ever

Item I give & bequath to my son Francis Gooding all the rest of the Land that I own on the West side of the run of Oak or South Branch, to divide with the wife of said Branch also fifty Acres of Piny Land back of the person to him his Heirs & Assigns for ever

Item I give & bequath to my son William Gooding after the death or marriage of my Wife all the Land I bought of William Dean to him his Heirs & Assigns for ever

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Item I give and bequath to my son Council Gooding after the death or marriage of my Wife all the Land I bought of John Dillahunty to him & his Heirs for ever

Item I give to my said son Council Gooding all the Land I bought of Daniel Gooding on the East side of Oak Branch also all the Land I bought of Thomas Dillahunty to him his Heirs & Assigns forever Further it is my desire that the Land given to Council that I bought of Daniel Gooding should be rented out one half one year & the other the next & so on, & the fence kept in order out of the rent, & the overplush applied to schooling the Children also the Land I give my son Francis should be rented in the same manner after the first year & the Money applied as the other

It is also my Will I desire that all the rest of my Estates be sold & the Money arising by such Sale together with Debts due to me to be applied to pay my just Debts, & the overplush & the Money in hand after paying my Debts to be equally divided among my Daughters, also it is my desire that after the Death or Marriage of my Wife that all I have lent to my said Wife should be equally divided among all my said Daughters that is to say Elizabeth, Minifield & Isabell

Lastly I appoint & nominate my Wife Mary Gooding Ex^{or} & Frederick Gooding & Francis Kinn Jun^r Executors to this my last Will & Testament making void all other Wills by me made — I Signify Seal, Publish, & declare this my last Will & Testament this 22nd of December 1802

In presence of
Rolt White
James Gooding
Jesse Kinsey —

State of N^o Carolina
Jones County Court May Term 1803
Then was the within last Will & Testament of Moses Gooding duly proved in open Court by the Oath of James Gooding, one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto & ordered to be Recorded — At same time Francis & Kinn one of the Exors therein named qualified as such agreeable to Law — Ordered that letters Testamentary issue accordingly —

Attest — Wm Carme Clk.
A true Copy from the Original in the Clerk's Office of Jones County
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