

March Sessions, 1847

Joseph Morris Will.

State of North Carolina

Lincoln County

June the 27th 1846

In the name of God amen
I Joseph Morris of County & State aforesaid
aid being, in feeble health & advanced
in years - but of sound & disposing
Mind & Memory & well knowing that it
is appointed for all living once to die.
do Make & ordain this as my last Will &
testament. And first I give & Surrender
to Almighty God. My Soul, or that finer
part. Generally, called the immortal
part, of Man. ^{my} Body to be buried in a
decent Christian Manner. And as to
my Worldly Estate where with it has
pleased God to bless me with in this
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First. Whereas be, a written
Contract made & entered into, in Jan-
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said Contract or agreement. I have leased
my land & hired my negroes for a certain
term of years, for and in consideration,
that the said Johnson & Alexander will

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constantly provide for the support of myself & wife all necessary food & raiment, both in sickness & in health during the said term of years as will more fully appear, by reference to said Agreement or Contract

2nd It is provided by law already that the Widow of deceased persons. Receive their dower of land &c, and ⁱⁿ addition thereto I give to my Wife Catharine during her natural life or, Widowhood, the Negroes, Mariak. Perline, & Nathaniel, also one bed & furniture & all Cooking ^{and} furniture. The balance of my Estate I give to my Son Joseph W. Morris - & I do hereby appoint my Son Joseph W. Morris Executor of this my last Will & Testament signed sealed & declared in the presence of us the day & date above mentioned

Joseph W. Morris

W. R. Clark Jurat

J. T. Alexander Jurat