

April Term 1842

State of North Carolina
Martin County

In the name of God Amen
I, Alexander Mobley of the State and County aforesaid, being in a
low state of health at this time, but in sound mind and perfect memory
do hereby make and publish this my last will and Testament in form and manner as follows, to wit:

First I leave unto my beloved wife, Chissie Mobley, all my
Lands and Plantations, lying on the north side of the main road
with the improvements thereunto belonging to her during her lifetime or
widowhood with all my household & kitchen furniture, with all my
farming tools of every description, & one Shute Mares, ten of the China
Sticks of Wood, five China Shaps, two China Cows, two China Hogs,
One Sow & Pig, and all my poultry of every kind, as above stated.

Item, I give unto my son William Mobley all my tract
of Land, that I bought of Wm Mobley lying on the north side of the
main road, to him & his heirs forever.

Item, I give unto my son, James Mobley, all the tract
of Land that I bought of William Williams, joining the Wm Mobley
tract, lying on the south side of said tract to him and his heirs forever.

Item, I leave my Hodge tract of Land, to be sold and
equally divided between all my Children, if either of my Daughters should
die, my will & devise is that the said land shall be taken equally amongst
them.

Item, I give all my Lands lying on the north side of the
main road, to my son, Alexander Mobley, with all the improvements
thereunto belonging, after the death of my wife Chissie Mobley, to him
his heirs forever.

Item, I give unto my Daughter Chissie Mobley
the sum of Twenty five Dollars & no more.

My will & devise is that all my property that
named in my will I leave to be sold, and equally divided amongst
all my Children.

Last I make & ordain my worthy friend, Stephen
Mears County, to this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal, this third day of April 1842.

Teste
The James
attest Ruddy Wood

Alex Mobley & Son

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The foregoing paper being presented to be the
last will and Testament of Alexander Mobley and produced & proved in open
Court, at the Court of Martin County a Subscribing witness that it indeed to be
recorded. I, the undersigned Clerk of the County thereof named above in open
Court, & qualified to execute the same.

Test. J. D. Rogers Clerk

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In the name of God Amen I, Samuel Rankin of the State of North
Carolina and County of Martin being in a low state of health at this
present time, but in perfect mind and memory, do hereby make and
publish this my last will and Testament, in form and manner
as follows:

First of all I recommend my soul unto the Almighty God
whom first gave it me & my body to be decently buried by my friends
and to put my little property I shall dispose of it as I shall hereafter
mention.

Item, I leave unto my wife Martha Rankin during her
natural life the negro woman Sweet Bet & after the death of my
wife I give the said negro & all the increase to all my Children
(except my Daughter Dicy Rankin) to them & their heirs forever.

Item, I give unto my wife Martha Rankin all my plantation
and house where I now live to her and her heirs forever.

Item, I give my wife and devise my son Chissie Rankin
Martha Rankin, George Rankin, James C. Rankin and Mary
Rankin to have the said land to be raised out of my
negro property (except my negro woman Sweet Bet & her increase) to them and their
heirs forever.

Item, I give my wife and devise that enough of my negroes I should
be sold pay my just debts (except my negro woman Sweet Bet & her increase)
to raise the said property with none of my other property, nor the the three
negroes George, Pat & Rose.

Item, I leave unto my Daughter Dicy Rankin the negro
girl that she has now in her possession, by the name of Rose,
during her natural life, and after her death, I give the said
negro Rose & all her increase to Oliver & Deborah's daughters of
said Dicy Rankin and to all the rest of the children that my said
daughter Dicy may ever hereafter have and to their heirs forever.
and it is my will that the said negro Rose should not be sold
to raise the legacy herebefore mentioned, nor to pay my debts.

Item, I give unto my three sons, namely James C. Rankin,
Oliver Rankin & Deborah Rankin all my land that I purchased
of Richard Johnston lying on the west side of the River Edgebrook
& adjoining the lands of J. Cherry, John Riddle & others to them &
their heirs forever.

Item, I give my wife and devise (after raising the Legacy herebefore
mentioned) paying all my just debts out of my negro property, with my
negroes Sweet Bet & her increase, the balance of my negroes to be equally divided
between all my children (except my Daughter Dicy Rankin) to them & their
heirs forever.

Item, I leave unto my wife Martha Rankin all my property
that I have not disposed of herebefore, during her natural life, & after
her death, I give the said property to all my Children (except my
daughter Dicy Rankin & her increase) to them & their heirs
forever.