

William Sheeld
William Bodkin

William Moffett

In the name of God Amen, I William Merchant, being weak in body
but of perfect sound mind & Judgment, but willing to mind the mortality
of my body & that it is appointed for all men once to die, have made
& appointed this my last Will & Testament, hereby Revoking & making
null & void all other Wills by me made or done to all intents & purposes as
if they had never been made or done; And first I recommend myself to
God that gives it hoping for mercy thro' the merits & Righteousness of
our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ; And I recommend my body to the
Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors in a Christian &
decent manner in hopes of a glorious resurrection at the day of
general Judgment, And I Will that all my lawful debts be paid
And next I Will & bequeath to my loving wife Jane Merchant her dower
& share of this land on which I now live & after my wife's death I Will
& appoint that my son William Smith Merchant shall have the whole
of the Land & also immediately after my wife's dower of Land is laid off
as said, that said William Smith Merchant when of full age shall have
the full use & Benefit of the remainder & further that said William
Merchant shall have Twenty five acres that Thomas Kirkpatrick
has promised to make me a deed for out of the fifty acres, said Thomas
entered for himself & me if said Thomas Kirkpatrick obtains a patent
for the same, & I Will & appoint that the said Thomas Kirkpatrick
make a deed to said William Smith Merchant in said Merchants
own name, but if said land is lost by any means so that said William
Smith doth not nor cannot obtain a deed for the same I appoint
& Will that said William Merchant shall not lay any claim to the
remainder of my Estate either real or personal but shall lose the
Land & its value, And next I Will unto my son Charles D. Merchant
that part of Land coming to me of that entry between the two miles
& joining the Land & line between the best & worst one line
which James Harris & I promised to make me a deed for the
one half of & that the said Charles D. Merchant my son shall
take a Deed from the Heirs of said James Harris divided in two

