

Elisha Thompson's will

In the name of God Amen:

I Elisha Thompson of the county of Montgomery and State of North Carolina being in a low State of health but of perfect mind and memory do this day the sixth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven make and ordain this my last will and testament (my)

Item 1st I lend unto my wife Mary Thompson all of my land for her to have her support often and all of my single daughters as long as they stay with her and my sons until they come twenty one year of age. She will make choice of what part of the land she wants to lend and my sons James, David, Calwell, Martin, as they come twenty one year of age they can have the privilege of lending part of the land but they shall jointly support their mother during her natural life and after her death my will is for my land to be equally divided between my four sons James, David, Calwell, & Martin, after James Blakely gets of what I have sold to him which my land will show. I want my children sent to school and their schooling paid for out of the proceeds of the land.

My will is for each one of my children that is living with me viz Elizabeth, James, Luiza, Lewis, David, Calwell, Lirthy, Martin, & Martha Jane to have a cow & calf and bed furniture each, when they come twenty one year of age or needs them.

I lend my stock of cattle, hogs, horses, and sheep to my wife Mary Thompson during her natural life and my household & kitchen furniture for her to raise the balance of my family on. and if there should be any of the cattle left after her death let them be sold and equally divided between all of my living children.

I want my debts paid out of my crop that is made this year and if there is any left let it go to the use of supporting my family and if there is not enough of the present crop to pay my

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debts I want them paid out of the next crop so my family can keep all of my property together.

I nominate and appoint my friend Joseph Curing my executor to this my last will and testament.

Signed Sealed and delivered

in the presence of us the year

and date above written

Witnesses

Joseph Curing

Calwell Killian

Benjamin Haywood - prob.

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Montgomery County Court July Session 1848

Then the foregoing will was duly proven in open court by Benjamin Haywood one of the subscribing witnesses thereof and was ordered to be recorded.

Attest: Nathl Wright, Clerk.