

Rachel Cole's Will

I Rachel Cole of the County of Meigs and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

That my Executor hereafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral Expenses together with my last debt however and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or part of my Estate. I give & bequeath unto my son Samuel Cole one bed and furniture or the value of the same also one cow and calf & two head of Sheep or the value of the same.

I give and bequeath unto my son William Cole one bed & furniture also one cow & calf & two head of Sheep or the value of the same.

I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Cole one bed and furniture one cow and calf and two head of Sheep or the value of the same.

I give and bequeath unto my son Geo W Cole one bed and furniture one cow & calf & two head of Sheep or the value of the same.

I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Cole one bed & furniture one cow and calf & two head of Sheep or the value of the same also the sum of twenty five dollars to be paid by my Executor within two years from the time of my death to my said son or his lawful representative.

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It is my will and desire is that all the residue of my Estate if any after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debt owing to me collected & if there should be any surplus over & above the payment of debt expenses & legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to all my children in equal proportion share and share alike to them and to each & every of them their Executors administrators and agents absolutely forever.

And lastly I do hereby appoint constitute and appoint my son Thomas Cole my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same and every part & clause thereof hereunto signed & declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I the said Rachel Cole do hereunto set my hands & seal this the 27th day September 1836

Signed sealed published and declared Rachel Cole Dead

At the said Rachel Cole to be her last will & testament in the presence of us who at her request in her present death, wrote our names as witnesses thereto

Test B. H. Short

A. M. Suddars

North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions Meigs County And Term 1837

The due Execution of the within paper writing proven in open Court by the oath of B. H. Short & A. M. Suddars the Subscribers thereto to be the last will & testament of Rachel Cole Dead and ordered to be recorded and filed among the Records of the Court and Thomas Cole the Executor therein named in said will duly qualified in open Court

A. M. Hill Clerk