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James Merritt's Will +

In the year of our Lord 1797 March 6th
 I then to my loving wife Ann Merritt I leave one
 hundred acres of Land with the Houses & improvements
 & at her death to be divided between my dear sons
 Sylvanus, Obadiah & Liles I then to my loving Children
 John Mark, Molly, James, Lewis, Nancy, Sally, Priscilla, & Ann
 I bequeath the remaining three hundred & thirty acres to be
 Equally divided or sold and the money Equally divided
 between them to my loving wife Ann Merritt I then
 all my Stock of Horses Hags & Cattle with my house hold
 furniture & plantation utensils during her widowhood
 or life & them to be divided between all my Children
 Equally except my son John Merritt This my last will
 & testament & commend my soul to God from whose
 Mercy's present
 Dan Ragsdale
 John Ragsdale
 Seal

Moore County August Term 1797

The execution of the above Will was duly proved in open
 Court by the oaths of Dan Ragsdale & John Ragsdale two of
 the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be Recorded

Wm Ragsdale C. C.
 J. Ragsdale

William Hancock's Will +

In the name of God Amen the ninth of October in the year
 of our Lord 1797 I William Hancock of North Carolina County of
 Moore being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and
 my thanks be given unto God for the same and calling to mind
 mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all
 men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and
 testament that is to say principally and first of all I give
 and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it
 and for my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in
 a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executor
 as my

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Nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive
 the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching my
 worldly estate which with the help of God to bless me in this
 life I give devise and dispose of the same in manner and
 form following that is to say In the first place I give and bequeath
 to my dear beloved wife the of two hundred acres of Land
 adjoining of Miller Dickson in during of her widowhood on which
 my son William Hancock comes of age also I Give unto my
 dear beloved son John Hancock two hundred and fifty acres of
 Land lying on the River adjoining of Robert Church's line and
 my other lines to him partly to be possessed and enjoyed also I give
 unto my dear beloved Daughter Rhoda Hancock one cow
 one calf and three a bed and bedstead and furniture also
 give and bequeath unto my dear beloved Daughter Lydia
 Hancock one cow and calf and a bed and bedstead
 and furniture also I give and bequeath unto my dear beloved
 Daughter Pally Hancock one cow and calf and one heifer and
 one bed and bedstead and furniture also I give and bequeath
 unto my dear beloved Daughter Elizabeth Hancock one cow and
 calf and one heifer one bed and bedstead and furniture the
 number of the Stock of Cattle is nineteen head all my Stock
 of hags for the use of my family also I leave two horses to be
 sold Vinaceous giving twelve months breed Horses named Rock
 and Dolphin likewise a gun and shot Bag to be sold
 also seven head of the Cattle to be sold and for my son
 John Hancock to have thirty dollars to purchase him a horse
 at the age of fifteen years or for the executors to him the
 John Hancock worth to the worth of thirty Dollars also seven
 head of sheep for the use of my family likewise a full clored
 Bodied boat to be sold also all my wearing clothes I leave
 to my two sons also one large Chest I leave to my son William
 Hancock and the next largest to my son John Hancock and the
 other Chest and Box to my wife also a Black Walnut
 Table I leave to my Daughter Rhoda Hancock also a large
 Pewter Dish I leave to my Daughter Lydia Hancock
 also four Pewter Dishes I leave to my two Daughters Pally
 Elizabeth Hancock also six pewter plates I leave to
 my two sons John & William Hancock also I give to my

Son John Hancock one Feather Bed and Bedstead and furniture
 also I give to my son William Hancock the bed that I have
 and Bedstead and furniture a large Jagg and Steel Bed
 hand saw Also I leave a Barrel Horse to my wife and a barrel
 my son William Hancock also all my working tools I have for
 use of my plantation Whewer I have all my household fu-
 niture to the use of my family excepting what is before mentioned
 also a Sleigh and Chaise to be sold Also I give to my son
 William Hancock one small trunk also my Chaining Box Razor
 I give to my son John Hancock also of money notes and accounts
 to the amount of seven hundred pounds Signed sealed and delivered
 published pronounced and declared by the said William Hancock
 as his last will and testament in the presence of us the Subscribers
 that is to say
 Saml. Dunn } William Hancock } his Off
 Randal Cheek } Mark }
 John Cheek }
 And I do constitute and appoint my Trusty Friend John
 Cheek and my beloved Wife Executors to this my last will
 and testament
 Saml. Dunn } William Hancock } his Off
 Randal Cheek } Mark }
 John Cheek }

Moore County Nov^r Term 1797

The above will was duly proved in open Court by the oaths
 of Randal Cheek and Saml. Dunn two of the subscribing
 Witnesses and ordered to be Recorded

A. M. Bryde C. C.

Nancy Dyer's Will + State of North Carolina
 In the name of God Amen I Nancy Dyer of Moore County
 being the will testimony of Nancy Dyer this thirtieth
 day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
 hundred and ninety seven she being now in Reasonable
 senses and memory Capable to settle her worldly affairs
 therefore after all just debt and reasonable charges are

are discharged ordered that William Dyer of Martin Dyer
 both my sons have and equal part of all the Land that I
 hold by right or title Except fifty acres lying on unclaimed
 branch joining the other premises I order that this fifty acres
 be equally divided between my two youngest Daughters Bar-
 bara & Nancy and that Barbara and Nancy have one of
 the Brides with its clothes And that my sons W. M. have the
 other bed with its clothing also Barbara that she have two
 Cows with their calves and Nancy have one Cow with her
 calf ordered that Stephen Matthews married to my Daughter
 Rebekah take one half the Hogs for the support of the two
 Children Barbara and Nancy & all remainder of property
 to discharge the debts and for the purpose of giving schooling
 to the Children In Wit. of hereunto I have set my hand
 and seal as my last will and testimony in presence of us
 Test.

Dan. Buie } Nancy Dyer }
 Mary Buie } Mark }

Stephen Matthews } Executors
 Jacob Gaster }

Moore County Nov^r Term 1797

This will was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of
 Daniel Buie a subscribing Witness and was ordered
 to be Recorded

A. M. Bryde C. C.

William Watson's Will +

In the name of God Amen I William Watson of
 Moore County & State of North Carolina being very
 sick & weak of Body but of sound & perfect mind
 and memory do make this my Last will & testament
 in manner & form following Viz First I recom-
 mend my soul into the hands of God not doubting but he
 will dispose of it as best suits his Godly wisdom &
 my body to be buried in decent Christian like
 manner and as to worldly goods I hath pleased
 God to bless me with I will that they be disposed of