

North Carolina Nash County

in the name of God Amen. I Joel Mathews being in firm health and weak of body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof to the end that I may be the better prepared to leave this World when it shall please my God to call me home have now determined to direct what disposition shall be made of my property after my decease and after maturity considering the circumstances and condition of all those among whom as my heirs at law or the objects of my gratitude or affection in my judgement my estate shall be distributed I do make publick and declare this to be my last Will and testament hereby revoking and making null and void all former Wills and testaments and Writings in the nature of last Wills and testaments by me heretofore made and my Will first that after my decease my body shall be decently buried without unnecessary expences and that my funeral charges and just debts shall be paid by my executor hereafter named and as the residue of my estate and property with which God has blessed me and shall not be requested for the payment of my debts funeral charges and the expences in and about the execution of this my Will and the administration of my estate I give and devise and dispose thereof as follows to wit I give to my Grand son Dinkins Vanburan Mathews 75 acres of land on which I now live and one Mare one cow and pigs and six shoats Item 2nd I give to Temperance old Mathews my Grand daughter 1 bed and furniture Item 3rd I give my Daughter Primmaam Lock 1 cow and pigs and three other Hoggs Item 4th I give all of my crops and provisions that I have on hand when I die to my Daughter Primmaam Lock and all of my Grand children that is with me now as the lawful heirs of Dinkins L Mathews to them that they stay together after my decease and if one of them should marry and leave the other to have any of my crops nor provisions Item 5th I now want all the rest of my estate to be sold by my executor and equally

divided between all my Children Josiah Mathews 2nd heirs and Ruffins Mathews and Primmaam Lock and Dinkins L Mathews heirs and I do hereby appoint John G Mathews to be my executor of this my last Will and testament in testimony whereof the said Joel Mathews do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 17th day of June 1882 signed sealed and published and declared by the said Joel Mathews to be his last Will and testament in the presence us who at his request in his presence do subscribe our names as Witnesses thereto G. R. Hinton E. R. Collins
State of North Carolina in the Probate Court Nash County a paper purporting to be the last Will and testament of Joel Mathews deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by John G Mathews the executor thereof named and the due execution thereof by the said Joel Mathews by oath and examination of the subscribing Witnesses thereto who being duly sworn do depose and say and each for himself depose and say that he is subscribing Witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be last Will and testament of Joel Mathews that the said Joel Mathews in the presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and bears date of 17th day of June 1882 and the deponents further say that the said Joel Mathews the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be last Will and Testament and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said Will as attesting Witnesses thereto and at the request aforesaid in the presence of the said testator and these deponents further say that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting Witnesses thereto as aforesaid the said Joel Mathews was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a Will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge information or belief of these deponents and further these deponents say not severally sworn and subscribed this 25th day of September 1882 before me Benj. Hoorby Probate Judge
G. R. Hinton Seal
E. R. Collins Seal