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Nash County

August Court 1811

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Hardy Horn and Willis Morris two subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded. Attest. Wm Hall, C.C. and is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest. Wm Hall, C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Hardy Morgan of Nash County being of sound mind and memory blessed be God do this 21st day of March 1811 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say first I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth Morgan all my property her life-time or widowhood and at her death or Marriage the hole is to be divided or sold and divided among all my children or their heirs except Henry Morgan and I have given him his part of but I give and bequeath to my son Henry Morgan one two year old heifer mare and I give and bequeath to my son William Morgan the land at his mothers death or marriage and if any of my children should marry and leave their mother before her death I leave it in the power of my executor to give their apart of the property whote they may think is right to their part of the estate and I hereby make and ordain my son Henry Morgan and John Morgan sen. executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Hardy Morgan have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed, sealed, published and delivered by the said Hardey Morgan testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who was present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Jesse Hammond
Ansel Alford

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Hardey Morgan (Seal)

Nash County

August Court 1811

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Jesse Hammond and Ansel Alford two subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded. Attest. Wm Hall, C.C. and is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest. Wm Hall, C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Marke Strickland of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same calling unto mind themortality 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 I recommend my soul to God who give it and my body, I desire to be decently burried at the discretion of my executors not doubting that at the general resurrection

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shall receive the same by the mighty power of almighty God and as touching or concerning such worldly estate to which hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and demise and bequeath in the following form and manner to wit first. Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Rahab Moore one negro named ~~Chasley~~ and all her increase and all the other property she has of mine now in her possession, to she and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son Gideon Strickland two negroes one by the name of Sam and the other by the name of Jass and five hundred acres of land on the south side of Tolsonot swamp excepting six acres for the use of the mill and what money he is due me at this time and all the other property he has in his possession to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son Ishmel Strickland one negro named Tom and all the other property he has of mine in his hands or possession at this time to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son ~~Isaac~~ ^{Osborne} Strickland two negroes one by the name of Cesar and the other by the name of Dublon and the other property he has in his possession except part of the land whereon he now lives containing two hundred and fifty acres which the lower half reserved to my ~~son~~ ^{son Elie} to be divided between them two sons as the former line was to be between my two sons mark and Osborne to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter ~~Rebecca~~ ^{Elizabet} Saunder two negroes one by the name of Doll and the other by the name of Diner and all the other property she hath of mine in her hands to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Jinny Strickland two negroes one by the name of Judy the other by the name of Elias and one bed and furniture and six cows and one mare and saddle the mare is called Fanny to she and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Elie Strickland the land and mill whereon he now lives and the land joining his reserved before and one negro named Faraby and all of the cattle that he has of mine in his possession and one horse colt to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Rebecca Strickland two negroes one by the name Lucy and the other by the name of Bobb and six cows and one bed and furniture and one mare called ~~Rebecca~~ ^{Elie} and one saddle, and called her own to she and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and lend to my beloved wife Martha Strickland for her support during her life or widowhood half the profit of my land and mill whereon I now live and one negro named Mingo and one bed and furniture and after her death or widowhood for this all to return to my beloved son Mark Strickland all to be left in the care of my beloved son ~~Osborn~~ ^{Osborne} Strickland during the space of time above mentioned for him to take care of and see that she is justly delt

Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Mark Strickland the other part of the land and mill which I have not sent before and three negroes one by the name of Jack one by the name of Hager and one by the name of Venas and one horse and six cows and one head and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son Mark Strickland just mentioned three hundred acres of land on Turkey Creek to him and his heirs for ever out of nine hundred the balance is hereafter mentioned.

Item: I gave and bequeathed to my grandson Mark son of my son Ishmeal Strickland three hundred acres of the afore said land on Turkey Creek to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my grandson Jacob Strickland son of my son Gideon Strickland three hundred acres of the afore said land lying on Turkey Creek to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath after my lawfull debts is all paid if there should be one hundred dollars left I give it Nancy Sanders my grand daughter and if there is any more left my desire is for it to be equally divided between my own children and to them and their heirs forever. and I do hereby appoint my son Osborn Strickland and my friend Noah Strickland my sole and hole executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby diannull and revoke all and every will and testament hereto made by me before. This my last will and testament and here before made by me. Given under my hand and seal this 6th

of August, 1811.
Signed, sealed and published
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signed of the same.
Thos Hamilton
David Creekmore
Wm Taylor Sen.
Nash County

Mark Strickland (Seal)

November Term, 1811

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Thomas Hamilton and Wilson Taylor Sen two subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Wm Hall, C.C.

and is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest. Wm Hall, C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Benjamin Sorsby of Nash County and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this 10th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and following that is to say:

First My will is that my three sisters that is to say Lidda, Ann and Jeremiah Sorsby have the use of my plantation in Sussex County in the State of Virginia Colony as they may live and at their death my will and desire is that my executor sell the said land and plantation to the highest bidder and the money arising from the sale to be equally divided among all my children viz: Samuel Sorsby, Elizabeth Wright, Polley, Henry, Benjamin and Susan to them their heirs and assigns forever;

Item: My will and desire is that after my just debts are paid that all the rest of my estate remain on my plantation only such part as is thought by my executors the best to sell, and as my children comes to the age of twenty one or marries then they are to draw their part and the balance to remain for my wife and the other children.

Item: My will and desire is in case my wife should marry then she is to have one third of my land and plantation where on I now live including the house as long as she lives and a child part of rest of my estate. It is to be considered that what Elizabeth Wright has received is to be so much of her part and and she is only to receive the balance to make her equal and what part Samuel Sorsby has had is to be considered so much received which is only one horse.

Item: My will and desire is that my two negroes by the names of Solomon and Brack that is in the state of Virginia in Sussex County with my three sisters as before named remain with him and they are to have the benefit of their labor as long as they live and at their death my will is that my executors sell them to the highest bidder with the stock and other property on the said plantation and the money arising therefrom to be divided among my children as above named in the sale of the lands. And I hereby make ordain my worthy friend Joseph Arrington executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Benjamin Sorsby have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year first above

Written
Signed, sealed and acknowledged
Benjamin Sorsby
Wood Tucker
Mitchell Long.

Benjamin Sorsby (Seal)

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The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Wood Tucker a subscribing witness thereto which is ordered to be recorded.

Attest. Wm Hall, C.C.

and is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest. Wm Hall, C.C.