

In The Name of God, Amen. I Zackariah Melton of Nash County in the State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last will and testament and desire it may be received by all as such.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son John Melton part of the land and plantation whereon I now dwell being the lower part all below a line lately made to divide the whole between him and my son Josiah Melton to be held and enjoyed by him and his heirs forever.

I also give and bequeath to my son John Melton one cow to be held and enjoyed by him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Josiah Melton all my land and plantation lying and being above the dividing line above mentioned to be held and enjoyed by him and his heirs forever. I also give and bequeath to my son Josiah Melton one mare and one cow and calf to be held and enjoyed by him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Salah one cow to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Pharaby Tucker one cow to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Melton one cow and one feather bed and furniture to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs forever after the decease of my wife.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Priscilla Melton one cow and one feather bed and furniture after the decease of my wife to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Bathsheba Whitley one cow and one feather bed and furniture after the decease of my wife to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs forever.

Item: I lend to my loving wife Sarah Melton all the remainder of my estate during her life a widow and after her decease or at the end of her widowhood to be equally divided between all my children namely John Melton, Josiah Melton, Elizabeth Salah, Pharaby Tucker, Mary Melton, Priscilla Melton and Bathsheba Whitley, (by my executor hereafter mentioned) to be held and enjoyed by them and their heirs forever.

Item: I do constitute and appoint my friend Wilson Vick my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 23 day of October, Anno Dom 1786.

Sealed, published and declared
in the presence of us

Wm. x Mathews
mark.

his mark.
Thos. x Bank Barret

Zackariah Melton, (Seal)

Nash County

May Court 1792

The foregoing will was in open court duly proven by the oath of William Mathews a subscribing witness thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

In The Name of God Amen, This twelfth day of October and in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and ninety one. I, Thomas Viverett of the State of North Carolina and County of Nash being very sick of body but of perfect mind and memory 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 commit my soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent and christian manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned and calling to mind the things of the world wherein it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give bequeath and dispose of the same in manner and form following viz:

Imprimis: I give and bequeath to my loving son Henry Viverett all my land lying on the south side of the little swamp and all the cleared land at the nat place and a bar from any more then what's cleared and been tended and one negro man named Jef one negro man named Jack, one negro woman named Dine two cows and earlings and one stud horse that I bought of Jacob Boyet and one mare called the Bell filley and one saddle and bridle and one feather bed and furniture as his own and to be disposed of at his pleasure.

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving son Launcelot Viverette all my land lying on both sides of a prong of town creek with the manner plantations thereunto belonging and one negro man named cuffle one negro woman named old bet one negro woman named Ame, one negro woman named Sue and all my stock of cattle and hogs at my Turner place one mare and colt called fan one saddle and bridle and one feather bed and furniture as his own and to be disposed of at his pleasure.

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving son Micajah Viverette my plantation and all my land joining thereunto on the north side of Tar river and all the stock of cattle and hogs that is already there and three cows and calves from my home plantation and three sows and pigs from my home place, one mare filley called old soops filley one large bay horse called Liberty one saddle and bridle two feather beds and furniture and one chest that stands in my little room and one negro man named Harry, one negro woman named Little Bet one negro boy named Nat as his own and to be disposed of at his pleasure.