

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named
Catherine Mitchell as and for her last Will and Testament,
in the presence of us, who have hereto subscribed our names
as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Testator, and in the
presence of each other,

Thomas H Davis Jr.,
H James

New Hanover County } County Court. March Term 1826.
The within last Will and Testament
of Catherine Mitchell was exhibited to Court and proved
by the oath of Thomas H Davis one of the subscribing witnesses
thereto and ordered to be recorded, at the same time Thomas
C Hooper, qualified as Executor,

Witness

Thos H Davis. Clk

In the name of God Amen. I Asa Murray
of the County of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina,
being weak, in body, but of sound and perfect mind and mem-
ory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish
this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following
I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth, two negroes, viz, Isaac
and Rachel, one horse, one yoke of Oxen, one years provision, ten
year old hogs, two sows and pigs, three cows and calves, two beds
and furniture, two tables, a sufficient part of kitchen furniture,
also a sufficient quantity of plantation tools, and possession of
all the land if not sold. All of the above named property to
be own and use during her natural life. except the land is not
sold for the price of twenty five hundred dollars, and not left
without the consent of my wife and executors ~~and~~ administrators.
I do hereby empower my wife, executors or administrators to sell
all my lands and make titles to the same. I do hereby empower
my wife to draw and take all the property of my children that
is under age, if the land is sold, after receiving her proportionable
part of the money received for the land, and give each of the
children of age, their proportionable part of the money received for
the land. If the upper piece of land purchased from Boney Thayer
say two hundred and sixty six acres can be sold for more money
than I gave him for it, with interest from the date of the deed, the
balance to be placed to the use of the said Boney Thayer.
I give and bequeath to my four youngest children, viz, Owen, Nancy,
and Patience, to have fifty dollars each extra for schooling, David to

have one hundred dollars for the same, extra.

I also give and bequeath to my son Obed Edmund one hundred dollars and a horse, for his meritorious services, over and above his equal share with the rest of the heirs.

I leave the remainder of my property to be equally divided between my children, viz, Obed Edmund, Sarah, Ellen, Mary, Susan, Nancy, David and Patsy.

N.B. If my land should be sold and my family should move on to Florida or adjoining countries; then the children under age to choose guardians, and for their guardians to lay out their part of the money in buying land or negroes.

I do hereby appoint my friends Samuel Black, Ezekiel Lane, and Thomas Flager, sole executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Given under my hand and seal in the presence of and in the year of our Lord May 14th, 1826.

Signed, sealed in presence of us
William Dickson
Lewis Saunders

Asa Murray. (Seal)

A Codicil to my last Will and Testament, (viz)

The two negroes named out for my wife, viz, Sam and Rachel, is not to be the particular ones, my wife is to have; she is to have her choice of any two negroes that I possess, a male and female, all the property left by me to my daughters, shall be to them and the lawful heirs of their body. If any one of them die without issue, their proportionable part of the property to be equally divided among the rest of the children. If either of my sons die without issue, their part of the property shall likewise be equally divided among the rest of the heirs.

In addition to my executors I appoint my son Obed Edmund Murray
Given under my hand and seal in the presence of us, and in the year of our Lord October 30th, 1826.

William Dickson
Lewis Saunders

Asa Murray

State of North Carolina } county court. March Term 1827.
New Hanover county } The execution of the within last Will and Testament of Asa Murray was exhibited to Court, and duly proved by the oath of Lewis Saunders subscribing witness and ordered to be recorded. At the same time Obed Murray qualified as Executor, thereto.

Witness

Thos H Davis. Clk