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wife continues a widow till she give out of this world she
shall divide my property agreeable to her last will among
my children I appoint William Pollock my only and my
nearest and my wife Sarah Thompson

John Thompson

Nathan Jackson

I have here to testify in set of blacksmith tools, and
many more and in full —

Ordn. Court

In Court of the Term 1800.

The within will of John Thompson was found in
open Court to the name of Nathan Jackson, and
William Pollock and Sarah Thompson the Executors therein
named qualified as such Just. Lovership etc.

Court of North Carolina Superior Court of Law
Ordn. Court 3 March Term 1831

Then, read the foregoing last will and testament of John
Thompson duly found as a will leaving real estate by the
testimony of James Glenn, Frederick McKim and Nathan
Sumner, agreeable to the legislation of the act of 1794
of 1794 Chap. 225 —

I hereby certify
Opplander at

Ordn. Court, May Term 1831

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court on the production of the bearing
of the last Court of Law of the County that the within will purporting to be the last
will and testament of John Thompson as at that date 1798 had
been duly found and found in open Court according to an act in such
case made and provided to be the last will and testament of John
Thompson and the said will with a Certificate of probate thereon, being
submitted to the Court, the same is admitted by the Court and entered
to be registered, it is further ordered that letters testamentary issue to
Sarah Jackson wife of John Jackson, who appears in Court and
qualifies as executrix of same.

Test. J. P. L. Jackson etc

In the name of God Amen

I Solomon Melvin of the County of Anson and
State of North Carolina, being ill in health, but
of sound mind and memory but calling to mind
the certainty of death, do make and ordain this
my last will and testament in manner and
form following (1822) that my body be buried
in a decent and Christian manner and that
my soul to God whosoever it to be raised
in resurrection to life by Christ Jesus our Lord

And the worldly goods which it hath pleased
Almighty God to bestow on me with, my will &
desire is to dispose of them as follows, after
my funeral expences and just debts are paid
I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth
Melvin My share in my said wife Elizabeth Melvin
all my estate both real, personal and perishable of
every description, during her Natural life or Widow
hood if my said wife Elizabeth Melvin should

May my will and desire is in that case,
that she hold and possess during her life my
dwelling house lands, containing one hundred and
twenty seven acres, more or less, also me to and

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furniture, one Cow and calf and sow and
pigs &c more for the term of her life

3^d I will and desire in case one or more of my chil-
dren should Marry during my said wife Elizabeths
widowhood, that she assist them with what possi-
ble property she can conveniently spare them, at
the same time calling upon two freeholders to Value
the same, that she should distribute to them, and
for said freeholders to enter the Valuation in
writing from under their hands, and said writing
to be kept filed among my papers by my said
wife Elizabeth, and that the said amount be
deducted from their distributive share, so that
to be given -

4th I give to my son Levy Melvin all that tract of
land I possess on west side of Mulberry Swamp
and one half of the piece or tract of land purcha-
sed of Mr. Taylor to him his heirs &c forever
5th I give to my son William Melvin all that
tract of land I now live on lying to the North
West part of Grants Creek and one half of the
piece purchased of Mr. Taylor to him & his
heirs and assigns -

6th I give my negro girl Hannah to my daughter

Sarah Melvin and to the lawful heirs of her body
7th I give to my daughter Elizabeth Melvin my negro
boy Stoff to her and the lawful heirs of her body
8th I give my Negro man Ben and my share
Creek lands to be equally divided between my
two daughters Sarah and Elizabeth to them &
their heirs -

9th I wish that fifty acres of my land lying on
Mills Branch be sold and the proceeds to go towards
the schooling of my two daughters Sarah & Elizabeth
Melvin -

10th My will is after my wife Elizabeths death
or Marriage, that all my personal property before
but be be equally divided, among my four
children. Levy Melvin, William Melvin, Sarah
Melvin and Elizabeth Melvin - Lastly I appoint
my son Levy Melvin Executor of this my last will
and testament - In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and Seal the 12th day of September
in the year of our Lord 1828.

Signed & written in the
presence of us

Test. John

Sarah Bell

Richard Jones

Levy Melvin J. Parker

Witness, qualified a not in absence of said Levy Melvin

Solomon Melvin Clerk

One Court
9th Court August Term 1831

There was the will of Solomon Melvin
offered for probate, which was admitted
and proven by the oath of said Levy
and Levy Melvin the Executor therein
named, qualified a not in absence of said Levy Melvin
J. Parker