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Public Name of Col. Aaron

I Shadens Craig being weak in body but
of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this
my last will & testament in manner & form following (Nep)
First I shud to my wife Samimah and my son John
Craig all my lands during my wife's natural life &
all the rest of my property after having my just
debts to support & clothe my young children.

Secondly after the death of my wife I give to my son
John Craig one half of my lands containing both
slaves who I now have and the other half to my son
young son William and James Craig.

Thirdly I appoint my son John Craig and my wife Samimah
my executors to this my last will and testament. See
Witness Charles I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
15th day of June 1827.

In the presence of
Danl. Ambrose
John Cornto
C. Craig qualified

Ambrose County in Court August term 1827
This will of Shadens Craig was duly proved by Daniel
Ambrose & John Cornto & John Craig one of the executors
therein named appeared in open court & was qualified
a free ably to live

Danl. Ambrose etc

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State of North Carolina Know ye that I Robert Deffen
Callow County 3 of the County & State aforesaid
being weak in body but sound in perfect memory calling
to mind the certainty of death do make & constitute
this to be my last will and testament. First of all
I resign my soul to Almighty God and my body to its
Mother's dust -
Secondly My will & desire is that all my just debts be paid
burial expence be paid -

Then I give and devise to my son William Deffen one part
my land beginning at the mouth of a small branch called
Spring branch running up said branch to William's line -
I give devise to my son James Deffen from the said spring
branch the part lying upwards also the part lying below
the said spring branch to my son Robert Deffen - -

I give to my son-in-law Abraham Korman five shillings sterling money
I give & leave all my cattle & sheep & hogs, also I leave all my
household furniture - plantation tool & every thing that
I possess to be divided equally with my wife & children -

Now I make and appoint my son John Deffen and my Robert
Deffen to be my executors to this my last will and testament
in witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this

23rd of October 1827 - Robert Deffen
signed in presence of
Henry X Deffen
marks
James Deffen

Ambrose County in open court, November term 1827.
This will was duly proved by the oath of Daniel Ambrose & John Cornto
& Robert Deffen qualified our Clerk -
John Ambrose