

December Term 1797

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North Carolina An Inventory of the Estate of Benjamin Person County & Deceased taken this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 1797

one hundred Acres of Land more or less 2 head of horses,  
9 head of cattle, 15 head of Hogs, 10 head of Geese,  
4 Beds, 2 Broadstads & Turnstubs, 2 Chests, 1 Box, 1 Old bed-  
stead, three Sticks, 1 meat tub, 2 Washing tubs, 2 Pails,  
2 Piggins, 1 Churn, 1 Turkey, 1 Old Soap tub, 6 Chairs,  
2 Cotton wheels, 2 Flax wheels, 1 Pine table, 1 Jar,  
4 benches, 4 Stools, 1 Loom, 1 Slay, 2 Mr. Harnessey,  
1 Shot Gun, 1 Shot Bag, 1 Mans Saddle, 1 Womans saddle  
4 Paridles, 2 Pewter Dishes, 6 Plates, 7 Basons, 10 Spoons  
6 Knives, 7 Forks, some shoe Tools, & some Clasp Knives  
4 Earthen Jugs, 2 Earthen Plates, 4 bottles, 1 Bk Iron &  
=adders, 1 Curry Comb, 2 Rots, 1 Dutch oven, 1 frying pan  
2 Mr. of both hocks, 1 Candlestick, 1 Mr. of Cotton Chalk,  
2 Old Mr. D., Six Books, 2 Axes, 1 Hammer, 6 hoes,  
10 Bells & some Collars, 4 Sides of Tan, leather, 6 barbits,  
2 Plows & 4 ears Ho. 1 Box & Razor, 1 Auger, 1 Gauge  
2 Old drawing knives, 1 Spindle, 1 Mask left & 1 head Gray,  
3 meal bags, 1 Wheat tub, 1 Old hand saw, some Old Iron  
1 Cannister, 1 Old half Buckle, 1 Saddle, 2 Tack hoes,  
1 Cradle, 1 Mr. of Sissors, 1 Flax brush, 1 Mr. Niting needles,  
born today this 5<sup>th</sup> of Cotton &c

Person County  
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Barbary & Henry  
March

The above Inventory was duly returned  
in Ours Courts and ordered to be  
Recorded

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Jesse Dickinson

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This Indenture made this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December in the Year of  
our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety seven between  
Ben<sup>t</sup>. Douglass Esq<sup>r</sup> in behalf of the Justices of the County of  
Person & their Successors in Office of the one Part & Tho<sup>s</sup>. Hood  
of the other Part Witnesseth that the said Ben<sup>t</sup>. Douglass  
agreeable to an Order of the said County Court made the day & date  
above Written doth place and bind unto the said Tho<sup>s</sup>. Hood, Ludwell  
Roberson an Orphan of the age of 6 years Next March to live after  
the manner of an Apprentice & Servant until he shall attain  
to the age of 21 years during all which time his said Master  
faithfully shall serve his lawfull Comen and every where  
gladly Obey he shall not at any time absent himself from  
his said Masters Service without leave, but in all things as  
a good and faithfull servant shall behave toward his said  
Master, And the said Tho<sup>s</sup>. Hood with consent & agree  
to & with the said Ben<sup>t</sup>. Douglass that he will teach &  
instruct or cause to be taught & entrusted the said Ludwell Roberson  
according to Law to Read Write &c. also the art and Mystery of  
a Planter, And that he will constantly find & provide for  
the said Apprentice during the term aforesaid Sufficient diet  
Washing Lodging & Apparel fitting for an Apprentice & servant  
And also all other things necessary both in sickness & in health  
in Mississippi whereof the parties of these presents have  
Indeclinably set their hands and affix their seals,  
The day and date above Written  
Signed sealed & delivered in  
the Presence of —

Ben<sup>t</sup>. Douglass Seal  
Tho<sup>s</sup>. Hood Seal

This Indenture was duly Executed in  
Ours Courts and ordered to be Recorded.

Test  
Jesse Dickinson