

John Mengis

In the name of God Amen I John Mengis of the County of Rockingham and State of North Carolina calling to mind the uncertainty of life and that all mankind sooner or later must all have thought proper now being of sound and disposing mind and memory to make this my last will and testament

First it is my will and desire that all my Just debts be paid by my executors herein after mentioned selling such of the personal property as they may deem sufficient and at such rate as they may deem expedient Second I bind unto my beloved wife Mary Mengis during her widowhood the use and full occupation of all my land and tenements on Danc River also the following negroes to wit Ned Simon and thence together with such part of my household and kitchen furniture plantation tools stock of all kinds and whatever as she may deem necessary for her maintenance and support during the above period

Third I give and devise to my three daughters Elizabeth Mary Ann Annett Silvy her son Jerry commonly called Jenkins & Daughter Martha together with her future increase to be equally divided among them and their heirs forever

Fourth Should any of my children die without law full issue it is my will and desire that their portion or part be equally divided among the surviving ones

Fifth It is my will and request that after my Just debts are paid that the balance of my estate real & personal be equally divided among all my children they allowing in their respective shares

there of such property as has already been given to them and as the same will be found stated against each of them at my decease the said And in my own hand writing and signed as Relative hereto I Natty Innominate to my beloved wife Mary Mengis my Executors my son Robert Mengis & William Mengis my Executors of this my last will and testament hereby disavowing annulling and disallowing all other wills and testaments heretofore made by me and acknowledging this to be my said last will in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th January 1813. John Mengis (Seal)

State of North Carolina } May Session 1813
Rockingham County } The execution of the within
Last will and testament of John Mengis aforesaid being proved in open Court and the same writing being proved by the oath of Natty Seales & John Linnore was admitted to probate and on motion ordered to be recorded Robt. Gullaway &c