

216. In the name of God Amen! July 17th 1789.

Philip Meyers of Rowan County & State of North Carolina being sick & weak in body but of sound mind & memory Thanks be to the Lord for the same.

But calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do make & ordain this my last will & testament. Which is to say first & principally I give & recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it & my body to the earth to be buried in a decent & Christian burial at the direction of my executors hereafter named. And Touching such worldly estate as it had pleased God to bless me within this life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

First my will & desire is that all my just debts & funeral charges be paid.

Item. I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Barbara the land & plantation wherein I now live on, during her life. Item I give & bequeath to my son Jacob Meyers all the land where I now live containing one hundred & ten acres nevertheless as my wife is at this time with child my will & pleasure is if the said child should live with son or daughter it should have half the value of said land paid by my son Jacob Meyers when he shall be age of twenty one years. And I do hereby ratify & confirm this to be my last will & testament to which I appoint George Smith & Thomⁿ Mc Cartney executors as witness my hand & seal.

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John McCorkle of the County of Rowan a State of Nth Carolina being of perfect mind & memory. Do this 9 Day of March A.D. 1799 make ordain & publish this my last will & testament in the manner following. That

I give & bequeath & demise all my lands to my only son Joel to be his & his heirs & assigns for ever reserving to my beloved wife Catharine her lawful dower in said lands until she by marriage ceaseth to be my widow. It is further my will that my personal estate be equally divided between my beloved wife Catharine & my only son Joel in manner following viz.

Two honest discreet men chosen by my wife Catharine & my son Joel shall value divide & appropriate said estate as equally as may be, & such estate so divided & appropriated between my wife Catharine & my son Joel shall be for their benefit & behoof for ever.

And further I do appoint & ordain my beloved wife Catharine to be my executor & my only son Joel my executor of this my last will & test. Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above written.

Signed, sealed, published.

and declared to be my last will & test. in presence of John McCorkle
Samuel McCorkle jun.
the 1st M^r McCorkle jun.