

27<sup>th</sup> September instant in order to remember and have  
drawn into form his last Will and Testament, which  
is substantially in the words following. I bequeath  
to my wife Agnes One third part of my personal  
Estate to be her general property, and that she shall  
have the full and free exercise of and disposition of my  
Dwelling House and out houses, and a sufficient  
quantity of cleared land for her comfortable subsis-  
tance with her family during her life hood —  
That after the Marriage or death of my wife my land  
shall be sold and the money equally divided among  
all my Children, both male and female and the same  
Rules is to be observed with respect to the distribution  
of the residue of my personal Estate. That  
neither of the Children shall be entitled to receive any  
Legacy or part of my Estate until the Marriage  
or death of my Wife or on this express condition  
namely that my Wife with consent of my Executor  
James M. Long shall judge it proper for my family  
to move to the Western States in which case they are  
to sell my land and distribute the money arising  
therefrom as above said given under our hands & seals  
this 26th Sept<sup>r</sup> 1785

Daniel Boyd Esq.  
Benjamin Robson Esq.

Sworn in Court

In the Name of God AMEN I Nicholas Cooper of the  
County of Rowan and Province of North Carolina  
being very sickly and weak in or in perfect health  
of body but in and in perfect mind and memory  
Thanks be given unto God calling unto mind the  
mortality of my body and flesh that it is appointed  
for all men once to die do make and Ordaine this my  
last Will and Testament that is to say principally  
and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto  
the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body  
I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent chris-  
tian burial at the discretion of my Executor nothing  
doubting but at the general Resurrection, I shall receive  
the same again by the mighty power of God and as  
touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased  
God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose  
of the same in the following manner and first I give  
and bequeath to Catharin my dearly beloved wife her  
Bed and one of the Cows and a Spinning Wheel and  
an Iron pot and all my moveable affairs except what  
goes to pay the debts, I do leave to my Daughter Elijah  
one Cow and Calf, I leave to my Son Philip One hundred  
and sixty Acres of Land beginning at John Harwood's  
Corner Tree on the River, running up the River

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-ding line for long plaint between John Marrowood  
and Phillip Coape and the rest of my land to my son  
John each of them to pay fourtue pounds lawfull money  
a piece to my daughter Dorothy eight pounds to his  
Daughter Catherine six pounds to my Daughter Elizabeth  
Nine pounds to Art Coopers oldist son five pounds when  
he comes of age, Phillip Coape is to pay Elizabeth Nine  
pounds in six years from this date and John Coape  
is to pay Dorothy Eight in the same year and Catherine  
to be paid in the next year, the said Phillip Coape & John  
Coape is to be joyners in paying of her, In the payment  
John Coape is to pay three pounds and the said Phillip  
Coape the remainder, I do hereby leave Jacob Gobel &  
Phillip Coape Executors of my worldly Affairs  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
seal this 9th day of August One thousand seven hun-  
-dred and Eighty five. Signed sealed published pro-  
-nounced and declared by the said Nicholas Coape  
as his last Will and Testament in the presence of each  
other hereunto subscribed our Names

John Adams  
Nicholas Coape Esq  
John Marrowood

Nicholas Coape Esq

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of June in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred  
and Eighty, William Armstrong of Rowan in the state  
of North Carolina, being sorely wounded, sick and  
weak of Body, but of perfect mind and memory thanks  
be given unto God, Therefore do make this my last  
Will and Testament, in respect of my Temporal estate  
wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this  
life, first I will that all those debts which I do owe either  
in right or conscience to any person or persons whom  
soever be just well and truly paid by my Executors  
hereafter named, Then I give and bequeath unto my  
loving wife Margaret a Bedstead and furniture and  
the Young boar Mare Saddle and Bridle, a spinning  
Wheel and to her and her heirs and assigns for ever further  
I leave the place wherein I live house and furniture there  
in the Old boar Mare and implements of husbandry  
and the Negro which in trust with my said loving  
wife Margaret as long as she continues my ~~Widow~~  
or may another man, for the raising my family &  
her own support, and at any of the said <sup>which ever</sup> events that  
happens first, my will is that the said household  
furniture implements of husbandry the said man  
and increase be sold and my said wife to have