

Wills Recorded March 8 1828.

this fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.

Affect

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In the name of God Amen.

I William Baldrige of the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina being sound in mind but frail in body and calling to mind the mortality of the body, that it is appointed ordained of all men living once to die do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament as follows - first I Will and bequeath my soul to God who gave it, my body to the earth to be buried a decent & Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors, and as touching such worldly ~~affairs~~ first I allow all my just debts to be paid out of my estate - second - I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Sarah all my household goods during her natural life and if any should remain at her decease to be sold to the highest bidder and money equally divided amongst my four grand children. The rest of my estate both real and personal I wish my executors to sell to the highest bidder and the money arising from the sale to go to the support and keeping of my wife Mary Baldrige during her lifetime and if any of the money should remain at her decease after

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all debts is paid I wish it to be equally divided between my four grand children viz William, Polly, James & Jincy Baldrige.

I also do appoint my friends John Citty and George Black executors of this my last Will and Testament. - In testifying whereof I have set my hand and affix my seal this sixth day of June one thousand eight hundred & twenty five

Affect. John Black

Andrew Black junr Esq

William Baldrige Esq
his mark

In the name of God Amen. I Joshua Atwater of Rutherford County being of sound and perfect mind & memory (Helped be God) do this 16th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty eight make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following, that is to say - First after all my just debts are paid I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah the tract of land whereon I now live & all my personal property during her natural life or widowhood, but it is to be understood in case of her second marriage she is to have only a child's part of the above property, and at her death all the above property to be equally divided amongst the heirs; and I hereby make and ordain my loving wife Sarah executrix of this my last Will and Testament. - In testifying whereof I the said Joshua Atwater have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand & seal the day and year above written. - Joshua Atwater Esq
Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Joshua Atwater the Testator as his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing & sealing thereof - William Baldrige Esq
James Baldrige Esq
Henry Norville Esq
(Caret) Alfred Atwater Esq