

Woke County December Term 1816.

~~The~~ ~~will of the late~~ ~~and~~ ~~deceased~~

The Nuncupation Will of Ezekiel Goodson. At which the foregoing is a true copy was duly in open Court by John Blument Elder Master ordered to be recorded

Robt Williams & Co.

of the 7th August 1816

In the name of God Amen I Richard Phillips of Woke County State of North Carolina, humbly being in declining state of health in body but of reasonable mind and Memory thanks be given unto God calling unto mind the mortality of my body have taken in this day to make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner and form

I recommend my soul unto the hand of Almighty God that gave it My body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my executors 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 for

First I give & bequeath to Foster Phillips my brother son a tract of land containing fifty acres called the Fishing Island for this he is to enjoy for ever except the Fishing is to belong to the Fisher men as before

~~without~~ ~~in~~ ~~repleasure~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~land~~

Second I give & bequeath unto the children of Woke County State of North Carolina being my wife and apprentice in body but of perfect mind and memory do this twenty first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen make & ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

1st I will that at my death and funeral charges be paid by my executors out of my movable estate.

2nd I give and bequeath unto beloved wife Ann half of my personal estate or movable estate during her natural life but at her death I will that one half thereof be disposed of as she shall think proper — And the balance of said half if any should be left at my wife's decease I give unto my son Joseph or proviso that he remove into his County and should take care of myself & wife while in existence but should he fail to come, in such case I will that the said property be equally divided among my four sons viz William Thomas, James, George and Joseph to them and their heirs forever

3rd I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph the remaining half of my movable estate or proviso that he remove into his County and take care of myself & wife while in this life but should he fail to come and perform as above in such case I will that the said property be in possession of my beloved wife during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided among my aforesaid four sons to them and their heirs forever

4th I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife my plantation whereon I now dwell with all the profits and emoluments arising therefrom during her natural life but proviso that my son Joseph should move out into his County my desire is that he farm my plantation for my wife as a renter and obtain for his labour what is Customary and at my wife's death provided my said son Joseph should be dead