

In the name of God Amen. I Robert Mansell of Stokes County & State of North Carolina being in perfect health and mind and memory thanks be to the Almighty God for the same, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life and knowing that is appointed for all men once to die, I do make and ordain 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 God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of executors hereafter named and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life.

I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form that is to say. In the first place I will and do ordain that all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid. And it is my will and pleasure to bind to my beloved wife all my lands and all my movable property that she thinks proper to keep during her natural life and what she does not choose to keep to be sold to be sold at public sale and all the land money that is found in her hands to remain in her hands for her support and maintenance during her natural life, and all the paper money that is found in her hands at my decease to be put out at interest at the discretion of executors hereafter named and her decease and mine all my property to be sold at public sale and Equally divided between my son Richard Mansell Robert Mansell James Mansell and my daughter Elizabeth hereafter Mary Jane and Frances James, only first deducting from my said children what they already have by birth, receipt and it my will and pleasure to leave to my son John Mansell deceased one dollar and further more it is my will and pleasure that my son Richard Mansell shall have the part of my

Estate that will fall to my son Robert Mansell into his care without interest to pay out to my son Robert Mansell at certain times as my son Richard Mansell thinks proper. And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Mansell executrix and my beloved friends Daniel Wolff & Jacob Lomax executors of this my last will and Testament (hereby revoking and making void all former wills Legacies or executors by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and no other be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & ~~thirteen~~ ^{thirteen}

Acknowledged signed &
sealed as my last will
and Testament in the
presence of us
C. Lash Smith
Henry Hauser
James Sapp

Robert Mansell

Stokes County Court June Term 1819
The execution of the last will and Testament of Robert Mansell deceased of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open court by C. Lash and ordered to be registered

Matthew R. Moore Clerk
by Ch. Wanner Dly.