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Hoke County December Term 1816.

~~Testament of the said John Woodson~~  
The Municipal Will of John Woodson of  
of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly  
in open Court by John Plummer & John Moore  
ordained to be recorded  
Robt Williams Ck.  
J. Tho. Armstrong

In the name of God Amen I Richard Phillips of  
Hoke County State of North Carolina humbly 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 touch-  
ing 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  
first

I give bequeath to Foster Phillips  
my brother's son a tract of land contain-  
ing fifty acres called the Fishing Island for  
this tract & appurtenances except the Fishing  
is to belong to the Fisher man as before

~~without~~ in witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this 1st day of December 1816

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of December 1816  
and State of North Carolina being of my mind and  
affection in body but of perfect and sound 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 words to wit

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

2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath unto blood wife Ann the  
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 on 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

3<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph the  
remaining half of my movable estate on 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 blood wife during her natural  
life and at her death to be equally divided among  
my aforesaid four sons to them and their heirs forever

4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my blood wife  
my plantation whereon I now dwell with all the  
profits and emoluments arising therefrom during  
her natural life but on 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 should  
for his labour what is custom very used at my neighbor  
the provided my said son Joseph should to him