

Joseph Moore Last will & testament

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Moore of the County of Union and State of North Carolina Being in good health and of sound mind & memory but knowing that it is appointed unto all men ~~once~~ to die and wishing to arrange all my temporal matters whilst in the enjoyment of my natural and mental faculties do make and ordain This my last will and Testament in manner and form following viz

First and principle of all I recommend my Soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my relations and friends, and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me in this life I give devise and bequeath in the following manner & form. viz First my will is that all my Just debts be paid out of money on hand and debts that may be due me and owing to me at my death and should there be a deficiency the balance to be raised out of other property.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Jones the following property viz my negro women by the name of Sarah and two cows & calves and a lot of hogs sufficient for her and family and all the house hold and kitchen furniture, and one Buggy & Harness, together with all my Stock of sheep.

Thirdly, my will is that at my death my executor sell all of my personally property which is not disposed of on such terms as the law directs & my lands I also direct my executor to rent or sell as the interest of the family may require first obtaining my widows consent to such sale or

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Fourth, I direct my executor that after a distribution shall have been made that he have a guardian appointed for my children and that said Guardian be & have the authority to spend any part of his wares money for the education of them My executor is directed to make an equal division of all money that may be in his hands after settling my Estate among my heirs

Fifth and lastly, I appoint & constitute my worthy friend Elial Woodburn my executor to this my last will and testament In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand & affixed my seal this the twelfth day of May 1862 In presence of D Rushing

R C Ashcraft,

Jose J Moore *Dead*

State of North Carolina

Union County, B County Court January Term 1863

Then the last will and testament of J J Moore dec'd was produced in Open Court & proved in due form of law by D Rushing & R C Ashcraft and ordered to be recorded Whereupon E Woodburn was duly sworn as Executor of the same

J D Hays C. C. C

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