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Case Files to William Ashburne Indentures

State of North Carolina

This Indenture made this 23rd day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven William Ashburne Esq^r Chairman of the County Court of Wilkes and John Howard in behalf of the Justice of the said County and their Successors of the one part and William Ashburne Esq^r Chairman of the other part Witnesseth that the said William Ashburne Chairman in pursuance to an order of the County Court according to an Act of Assembly in that behalf made and provided doth put into and read the said William Ashburne an African child named Jane Yeare aged eighteen years to and the supervision of a Spinster with the said William Ashburne to live after the manner of an apprentice and servant until the said African female shall attain to the age of eighteen years during all which time the said apprentice or mistress shall faithfully serve his lawful commands every where gladly they she shall not at any time absent herself from said mistress service without leave but in all things as a good and faithful servant shall behave towards her master and the said William Ashburne doth Covenant and agree to and with the said William Ashburne Chairman that he will constantly feed and provide for the said apprentice during the time aforesaid sufficient diet washing and lodging fitting for an apprentice; & see all other things both in sickness and in health in writing whereof the parties have interchangeably set their hands and seals this day and year first above written.

Signed sealed & Delivered
In presence of
J. P. Lenoir Esq.

William Ashburne Esq^r
Chairman
J. P. Lenoir Esq.

James Freeman's Will

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The last will and testament of James Freeman of Wilkes County and State of North Carolina in perfect mind and memory thanks to God and God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for me even once to die I do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say to my well beloved wife I do give and bequeath all my estate real and personal and I utterly disown and revoke all former wills Legacies and requests and Devotions by me in any ways made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd of October Anno Do. 1797.

Signed sealed and pronounced
by James Freeman to be
his last will and testament
In presence of us the under
subscribers

James Fletcher }
John G. Lenoir }
Under Writers

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Wilkes County } The due execution of the above
assignment was proven in open Court by the oath
of James Fletcher Test J. P. Lenoir Esq.