

State of North Carolina

This Indenture made the 20th of April in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Eighty Nine between Charles Gordon Esq^r Chairman of the County Court of the County of Wilkes and State aforesaid On Behalf of the Trustees of the said County and their Successors of the one part and Nathaniel Gordon of the said County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Charles Gordon Esq^r In pursuance to an Order of the County Court made the Day aforesaid and according to the Direction of the said of Assembly in that Case made and Provided Doth full place and bind unto the said Nathaniel Gordon an African Boy Named Homer Smith aged about 14 years to learn the Occupation of a Black Smith & to Read Write & English with the said Nathaniel Gordon to serve after the manner of an Apprentice and servant until the said Apprenticeship shall attain to the Age of Twenty One years During all which time the said Apprenticeship his Master shall faithfully save him a new full Command every three Gladly Obedy he shall at any time absent himself from his said Master's Service without Leave But in all things as a good and faithful servant shall behave towards his said Master and the said Nathaniel Gordon Doth Covenant promise and agree to and with the said Charles Gordon that he the said Nathaniel Gordon will constantly find and provide for the said Apprentices During the time aforesaid sufficient Diet Washing and clothing fitting for an Apprentice also all other things necessary both in sickness and in Health In Witness whereof the Parties have Interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above Written

Test

M. Lewis Dele.

Chas Gordon Esq^rNathl Gordon Esq^r

In the Name of God Amen. I Joel Coffey of N. Carolina and County of Wilkes the weak in Body yet perfect in mind and memory Constitute this my last will and Testament, I Give my soul to God my Redeemer, and my Body to Burial in a decent manner and after my just Debts are paid I Dispose of my Worldly Goods as follow, to wit, I Give to my Wife Martha the Plantation whereon I now live, and all my Household furniture, and two Negroes, namely Harry & Peg and all my Stock of Horses Cattle Sheep & Hogs Enduring her Date and Life or Widowhood, I Give with that as much of my Land as be sold by my Executors or say my Debts the Remainder of my Land to be Equally Divided among my Son, Eleazar, James, Joel, & Nathan And the Part of my Negroes to be equally Divided among all my Children, I will Eleazar, James, Joel, Nathan, Catey, James, Catey, and if my wife is at present with Child, for it if it lives to have an equal part with the Rest, and at the Death or Marriage of my Wife for what I Give to her to be Equally Divided among all my Children my forever Estate to be Improved and kept together till my Youngest Child come of Age or Harry Eleazar and Catey and my son Eleazar and Catey Executors I Acknowledge this my last will and Testament made this 27th Day of April 1789

Signed In presence of

Jo. Barlow

Shamias Allen

John H. Welch

(Test in the Book)

State of North Carolina July Term 1789

Wilkes County } The within Deed was duly
Proved in Open Court by the
Oath of John Welch a subscribing Witness
There and Ordered to be Recorded. Test

Geo. H. H. H. H. H.