

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

I, Samuel Messer, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make ~~the~~ last will and testament.

ITEM 1st. It is my will and desire that after I am dead my body shall be decently buried.

ITEM 2nd. It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid.

ITEM 3rd. It is my will and desire that my wife Clarisa Messer shall remain in peaceable possession of all my real and personal property during her natural life or widowhood consisting of two or more tracks land the tract whereon I now live and the tract known as the Verner tract also the one whereon John Lewis lives. The personal property consisting of five negroes Viz, Man Caleb, man Jim, woman Patience, and her two children Manda and Peggy, together with all of the stock of horses cattle sheep and hogs - together with the crop now in store consisting of corn, fodder, cotton and all other species of property that I may be legally seized of or possessed of.

ITEM 4th. It is my will and desire that after the death of my wife all the property that she may be possessed of together with the increase be equally divided between my two daughters Charlotte & Rebecca & son Moses Samuel Messer.

ITEM 5th. I have given to my son John H. Messer previous to this will a full and equal share with the balance of my children. I now give him five dollars if demanded.

ITEM 6. I constitute and appoint Clarisa my wife my only and lawful Executor. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 9th day of Decbr in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

Signed in presence of

SAMUEL MESSER. (SEAL)

SAMUEL C. REEDER.
CLEAVLAND MARET.
JOHN KEENE.