

In the name of God Amen.

I James Meridith of the County of Surry and State of North-Carolina being at this Time of perfect sence & sound Memory God be praised for his mercies and knowing and being senceable of the uncertainty of this mortal life and being at this time in a weak State of health do make this my last Will and Testament. Disannulling all other Wills by me made prior to these presents but this alone only to be my last Will & Testament that is to say.

I Give my beloved wife Mildred Meridith all my moveable and perishable property to her use and disposal while she lives & also at her disease she first paying out of the same what debts I owe all except the debt I owe to Colonel Archibald Hugh.

I Give to my son John Meridith five hundred & forty acres of Land lying on the waters of Mayo River refering for the courses to a deed of Gift to him made to said Land bearing date the twenty-ninth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Eighty-nine

Item My Will and desire is that the three hundred and fourteen acres of Land lying in Stokes County including the plantation whereon I formerly lived be sold by my execu-

tors and one half of the money arising therefrom to be delivered to my son Daniel Meridith to his own use and the other half to be applyed to the use, Discharging my debt due to Col: Hugh and the balance to be paid to my beloved wife Mildred Meridith to be ~~set~~ at her own disposal.

Item my will and desire further is that all debts due to me should be collected by my Executors and applyed to the use of my beloved wife and to my son John Meridith to be equally divided between them and I do hereby appoint my son William Meridith and my son John Meridith sole Executors of this my last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this fifteenth day of February Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

Present W Meridith

James Meridith Esq

Wm Cook
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North Carolina Surry County May term 1790.
William Cook & Reverah Cook two of the subscribing intressee to the forgoing last Will & Testament of James Meridith made oath that they saw the said Meridith sign publish & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament that he was of sound disposing mind & memory and at the same

time they saw William Mercurith sign the same as
witness thereto & it was ordered to be recorded.

Recorded accordingly J. Williams C. C.

Know all men by these presents that Jesse Sampford
of Surry County do hereby nominate constitute ordain
& appoint and in my stead and place put my trusty
friend Joseph Murphy of the county aforesaid my true
& lawful Attorney to make Stephen Hyde and likewise
Alexander Bohannon each one of them a good & lawful
deed to two hundred acres of land be the same
more or less when ever the said Alexander Bohannon
shall get the grant for the said tract the whole being in
one entry and lying on fall creek and is divided by
a conditional line between the said Stephen Hyde &
the said Alexander Bohannon making the said Stephen
Hyde a deed to the part whereon he now lives
and the said Alexander Bohannon a deed to the part
whereon the said Jesse Sampford formerly lived each one to
the aforesaid conditional line giving and by these presents
granting to my said Attorney my full power and au-
thority to make the said Stephen Hyde & the said

Alexander Bohannon each of them a good and lawful
Deed to their parts of the said entry as aforesaid
and set my name to each single deed and acknowledge
each single deed in the County Court for me and in
my name and stead, and I do empower my said Attorney
to take in and counsel abroad which the said Alexander
Bohannon hath which binds me to make him a deed to
his part of the said land and for my said Attorney to give
up a bond which I have against the said Alexander
Bohannon which binds him to ^{make} timely application for the
grant of the said land and for my said Attorney to do per-
form and finish for me and in my name all & singular
thing or things that he is herein empowered and autho-
rised to do as fully throughly & entirely as if the said
Jesse Sampford could do if ^{myself} were personally present ratify-
ing confirming and allowing whatever my said Attorney shall so do

In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this
fourteenth day of November Anno Dom One thousand
seven hundred and eighty five

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of J. Jesse Sampford
James Hyde
Ambrose ^{his} Sammon
Thomas ^{mark} Sampford