

Will, NC, Rowan, Stephen Noland 1791

In the name of God, Amen.

I **STEPHEN NOLAND** of the state of North Carolina & in the county of Rowan, being weak & low of body but of sound mind and memory & disposing [mind], thanks be to Almighty GOD for his mercies, I calling to mind the mortality of the body, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die & after doing so to come to judgment, I do, on this first day of November in the year of our Lord 1791 publish this, my last will and testament.

FIRST of all I give my soul to God through our Lord Jesus Christ & my body to be decently buried up in the earth in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors, hoping to have them again united together at the great & general resurrection by the mighty power of God & as touching my worldly goods as it hath pleased almighty God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of in this manner, that is to say:

FIRST I give unto my beloved wife **MARY NOLAND** 74 acres of land to be laid off where I know live in including this dwelling & plantation as far as the main branch between this & the old place, to her & her heirs & assigns forever, and also I give to her my sorrel mare Zenos & a black mare & eight head of sheep & all my hogs & all my crops & beds & furniture to her & her heirs forever.

2ND I give and bequeath to my son **STEPHEN NOLAND** my sorrel colt & my youngest brindle heifer, to him & his heirs forever.

3RD I give and bequeath to my son **LEDSTONE NOLAND** my saddle and the black colt, he paying to my son **JAMES NOLAND** one half the value of the said colt, which colt to be valued by two men at three years old.

4TH I give and bequeath to my grand daughter **ANN HOLDERFIELD** one Pied Cow to be delivered my daughter **HANNA HOLDERFIELD** for the use of the child and immediately after my decease.

5TH I give and bequeath to my wife **MARY NOLAND** all the rest of my stock of cattle to her use, she giving to my son **LEDSTONE NOLAND**, **JAMES [NOLAND]**, **ALIDIA [NOLAND]**, **MARY [NOLAND]** & **ELEANOR [NOLAND]** one heifer as they, my children, grow up.

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and I also give to my wife, as aforesaid, all the rest of my household furniture of every kind & plantation tools not herein disposed of.

6TH I give and bequeath to my daughter **ANN [NOLAND] TURLEY** my dresser.

And lastly my big bay mare, to be sold at vendue with nine months credit given in order to discharge my just debts.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend **BASIL GAITHER** my whole & sole executor to this my last will and testament, revoking and making void all other wills by me made & ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day and year first above written.

STEPHEN NOLAND {seal, his + mark}

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced & acknowledged to be my last will in presents of

OLIVER HENDERSON
NATHANIEL SAMUEL COLLETT

Lastly

And all the rest of my land not herein devised I give and bequeath to my three sons **STEPHEN [NOLAND]**, **LEDSTONE [NOLAND]** & **JAMES [NOLAND]** to be equally divided between then in quality so as seach share shall be equal in value, which division & valuation shall be ascertained by three men chosen by my executor, that I give them and their heirs forever.

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