

Court, NC, Rutherford, Hannah Huddleston, 1796

In the name of God, amen.

I, **HANAH HEDELSTONE** of Rutherford County, being of perfect, sound mind & memory, blessed be God, do this 26th day of November in the year one thousand seven hundred & ninety six make and publish this, my last will and testament, in manner following, that is to say:

FIRST of all I commit my should to the almighty God that made it & my body to be buried in orderly & decent manner and that at the digression of my executors.

FIRST of all I recommend all my just debts to be paid out of my estate.

SECOND I give & bequeath unto my daughter **RACHEL SWESEY** five shillings.

THIRD I give & bequeath unto my daughter **MARGERET [MARGARET] ETHERINGTON** ten head of cattle, to wit: two cows & calves & three heifers three years old, one bull & one year old heifer & hogs & sheep to be equally divided between the said **MARGARET**, my grand-daughter **POLLY ETHERINGTON**.

Also I give & bequeath to my daughter **MARGARET** two delft dishes & one dozen ???, half of my wearing apparel & four chairs, one bed quilt ???.

I give & bequeath unto my grand-daughter **POLLY ETHERINGTON** my bed I lay on & the furniture that belongs to it & a spotted coverlet & a check counter and pen and two pewter dishes & half a dozen pewter plates, half a dozen of spoons, half a dozen of knives & forks, two cows & calves, two year old heifer, four chairs and the other half of my wearing apparel, one big pot, oven skillet, one trunk, one hackle, one smoothing iron & little wheel & ??? fork, my tea ???, two pair of cards and all other part of my estate not mentioned in this will shall be & remain in the hands of my daughter **MARGARET** & at her disposal.

And also do constitute & appoint my daughter **MARGARET ETHERINGTON** executor of this my last will & testament.

Witness my hand & seal the day & date above written.

HANAH HEDELSTON {seal, her mark}

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RACHEL SWESEY contests and saith:

1. That she was not in sound mind and memory.
2. Imposition of undue influence
3. That she did not know when executed the contents of the will.
4. And that Hannah did not execute according to law.

[RACHEL SWESEY, RACHEL SWEZEY, RACHEL SWEAZY, RACHEL SWEAZEY]

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