

**Will, NC, Johnston, Matthew WOODARD, 1847**

In the name of God Amen.

10th of April 1847, I **MATTHEW WOODARD**, of Johnston County in the state of North Carolina, being very weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God for the same, therefore, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my executors.

And as touching such worldly a state where with it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demand dispose of the same in the following Manner and form.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **PHEBE WOODARD** 110 acres of land where on we now live during her lifetime and after her death to be equally divided between my two daughters **ALEY WOODARD** and **ELIZABETH WOODARD**.

ITEM I give to my daughter **ALEY WOODARD** one cow and yearling and one bed, bedstead and furniture. Also I give to my daughter **BETSY WOODARD** 1 bedstead and Furniture which is now already delivered and in her possession.

ITEM I give to my two sons **JOHN WOODARD** and **JAMES WOODARD** \$5 each.

ITEM I give to my beloved wife **PHEBE WOODARD** one horse and all the balance of my cattle and sheep Hogs during her lifetime then to be equally divided between my two daughters **ALEY WOODARD** and **ELIZABETH WOODARD**.

ITEM I give to my wife **PHEBE WOODARD** all of my household and kitchen Furniture and all of my corn fodder and bacon and lard, all of the money that is due to me and all of the perishable property that belongs to me now or may belong to me during my wife's lifetime. Then to my two daughters **ALEY WOODARD** and **ELIZABETH WOODARD** to be equally divided between them.

I likewise constitute and appoint my beloved wife **PHEBE WOODARD** my executor of this my last will and testament and do pronounce this to be my last will and testament and no other.

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

**MATTHEW WOODARD** {seal, his mark}

Signed and sealed in presence of us

**HILLIARD HINTON**  
**JONATHAN DRIVER**

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Johnston County Court

May Court 1847

Then was the foregoing will of **MATTHEW WOODARD** deceased proven and open court by the Oaths of **HILLIARD HINTON** and **JONATHAN DRIVER** the subscribing witness is there to an ordered to be recorded.

**THOMAS BAGBY**, Clerk