

Will, NC, Rutherford, Thomas Liles 1835

I **THOMAS LILES** of White Oak Creek Rutherford County and state of North Carolina being feeble of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory to make and publish this my last will and testament this 10th day of September in the year of Our Lord 1835.

First I direct that my body be decently entered and as to such worldly property as it has pleased God to entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows:

First I direct that all my debts be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first monies that shall come into the hands of my executor from any portion of my estate real or personal.

Secondly I will and bequeath unto my well-beloved wife **ALCE** [LILES] all of the property I got with her by marriage consisting of the following articles viz:

3 head of horses which I give to her in lieu of 1 Sorrel horse called Sterling, one gray filly 3 years old, and one bay yearling colt of the horse I got with her, and three cows and calves which I give her in lieu of the three that I got with her, two beds and furniture, and three bedsteads, one chest and two trunks, one pot and two ovens a considerable balance of loose bed cloths, one pair of warping bars and real, one table, one arm chair, four chairs, one wheel and cards, one coffee pot, one small tin trunk, 1 pepper box and teaspoons, 1 pewter basin, two pewter dishes, 1 slay, 12 Dill plates, 6 pewter plates. The above mentioned property I allow her to dispose of as she pleases.

I do likewise will and bequeath unto my wife house **ALCE** and daughter **LILLEA** [LILES] that part of the tract of land on which I now live that lies on the south side of white oak and a part on the other side of the creek called the Fresh Bottom joining **EPHRAIM LILES** part. Also my negro man **DICK** in his wife **LISE** and her two children for their support during my wife's natural life or widowhood.

I also allow my son **EPHRAIM LILES** the plantation on which he now lives containing 100 acres also another piece of land along the main road joining the above mentioned hundred containing 14 acres, also 16 Acres joining him off my old tract including part of his improvement at \$1 per acre out of his part of the estate, also if my son **EPHRAIM** sees cause to take a piece of land being Northwest side of the creek the upper part of the Pullun Branch where I made a conditional line at \$250, he can do so, if not I wish my executor order to sell it.

I also Empower my executor to sell a tract of land at 650 Acres being on White Oak and Green River on a 12-month credit.

Likewise all my personal property except negro to be sold on the same credit. It is also my wish that my son **EPHRAIM** should have my negro man **ARRON** at his valuation.

It is likewise my will that my Negroes not mentioned before viz:

HANNA, SUNNY, RUBE, FILLIS, SALL, MARION, LOT, SUSAN, and ABRAHAM should be put in lots and drawn for by the legatees or put up and sold whichever my executor thinks best.

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It is my will that my children should have as follows my son's **JOHN [LILES]**, **THOMAS [LILES]**, **WILLIAM [LILES]**, and Ephraim and my daughters **SALLY [LILES]**, **ELIZABETH [LILES]** and **LILLEA [LILES]** and the children of my daughters **ANN [LILES] BARNETT**, deceased, and the children of my daughter **AGNES [LILES] STEDMAN**, deceased, should share alike, that is the children of my deceased daughters shall draw their mother's part as they become of age.

I likewise have a book that contains the amount of what I have given each of my children which will show my executor how to settle with them all alike.

I also bequeath to my son **ROBERT** \$10.

I also bequeath to my nephew **AMBROSIAH LILES** one bed and furniture and \$50.

It is likewise my wish that the death or marriage of my wife that the land and negro which I left for her support that my executor should sell the same and the money arising from the sale should be equally divided amongst the legatees, all except my son **ROBERT** as I left him before all I intended.

I do hereby make and ordain my esteemed son **JOHN LILES** my executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I do here in to set my hand and seal this day and year above written.

THOMAS LILES {seal, his x mark}

signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

WALKER
ZACHARIAH JOHNS
THOMAS MILLER