

**Will, NC, Rutherford, William Newton 1820**

In the name of God Amen.

I **WILLIAM NEWTON** of the state of North Carolina and County of Rutherford being of sound memory and mind must be God for his mercies.

I do this Seventh Day of August in the year of Our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty make and publish this my last will and testament manner following, that is to say, I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be interred in a Christian like manner, and all my just debts and expenses honestly paid.

1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife **MARGARET** all her beds and Furniture belonging to them and all the household furniture saddle and bridle and her wheel and cards and real and two cows to be at her own disposal if she remains a widow until her to cease if otherwise I allowed the half of the household Furniture to be equally divided between my five children except one bed and bedding.

2<sup>nd</sup> I allow my beloved wife **MARGARET** her living off the plantation where I now live as long as she remains a widow.

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my son at **EBENEZER NEWTON** the sum of one dollar and no more.

4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my two sons **WILLIAM NEWTON** and **JAMES NEWTON** all the land I now hold.

5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my son **JAMES NEWTON** one horse "Cacotter".

6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath them to my two sons **WILLIAM NEWTON** and **JAMES NEWTON** my wagon and gears and log chain and all my tools to be equally divided between them. I allow all my clothing to be equally divided between my three sons **JOHN NEWTON, WILLIAM NEWTON, and JAMES NEWTON**. I allow all my books to be equally divided between my daughter **MARTHA NEWTON**, and my two sons **WILLIAM NEWTON, and JAMES NEWTON**.

7<sup>th</sup> I allow all the balance of my personal property to be equally divided between my daughter **MARTHA NEWTON**, and my three sons **JOHN NEWTON, WILLIAM NEWTON, and JAMES NEWTON**.

8<sup>th</sup> I hereby make and ordained my son **JAMES NEWTON** and Captain **SAMUEL WILSON** of Lincoln County Executives of this my last will and testament.

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In witness whereof I the said William Newton have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

**WILLIAM NEWTON** {seal}

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said **WILLIAM NEWTON** the testator has his last will and testament and the presence at the time of signing and sealing their of.

**WILLIAM ELAM**, jurat  
**DANIEL G CALLIS**