

**Will Probate, NC, Lincoln, Thomas Buchanan 1807**

April 25, 1807

I **THOMAS BUCHANAN**, being in a low state of health but sound in judgment knowing that I must die as all flesh and God having blessed me with a family and estate, therefore I wish them to get the good of it and my:

First my will that family should live together until marriage or death.

2 my will that my wife [**MARTHA**] shall have sufficient maintenance to the day of her death out of the whole estate but if she marry my will is that she leaves the whole estate in the hands of our children except one good horse or mare and xxx bed and clothes and her wearing apparel.

3 my will that she make sale of such things that they don't stand in need of and repair the mill and pay off the debt and burying my body in decent way.

4 my will is that the still and vessels be kept in the family use until **JOHN** comes of age and then **JOHN** may keep it or sell it and divide it with **COLONEL** and **THOMAS** each his part.

5 my will is that my daughter **BETSEY** gets one cow or ten dollars in money and my daughter **PATSEY** gets one dollar in money, it being the fair of their part of my estate.

6 my will is that **GINEY** [**JENNY**] and **POSY** [**POSEY**] and **PEGY** [**PEGGY**] get one hundred dollars each to be paid in property or money as soon as they come of age there body close excepted.

7 my will is that all my lands and remains of my estate when **JOHN** comes of age be divided in five shares and my son **JAMES** to get two of them and **THOMAS** one and **CONRAD** one and **JOHN** one.

8 my will is that if my wife or one of my children should try to break this my last will and testament that they forfeit their part and it shall be taken and divided amongst the rest of the legatees and they themselves shall be cut out with on dollar.

9 my will is that my wife has fifty dollars at her death to leave to whom she pleases.

Having written this and corrected it between the 25 and 29 day of April in the year 1807, it being my last will and testament, so help me God, Amen and Amen.

I have my beloved wife to be on of the trustees and my good neighbor **MATTHEW LEEPER** the other if he will xxx.

I leave the care of my children xxx of God for you to do that which is right and school them and cloth and feed them is the sincere will of your dying friend.

**THOMAS BUCHANAN** {seal}

Witness priest

**ISAAC ERWIN**, Jurat  
**GEORGE DAVENPORT**

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**THOMAS BUCHANAN**

Copy made out

Written 1801

Probate 1807

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Lincolnton 9<sup>th</sup> October 1824

Mr. **LEEPER**

I have been 2 months from home but on leaving home I have asked **MAJOR HENDERSON** to make out these papers for you ... that him and Mr. **ALEXANDER** both forgot what I had told them, but in case you cannot have the estates settled the order can be renewed, The return of **BUCHANAN**'s estate, sums rather hard to understand but I have sent it to you in the manner in which I understand it.

**VARDRY MCBEE**

I find on record xxx given by **JOHN DAMERN** as guards for \$728.59 which appears to have been taken or paid out of the estate of **JOHN LEEPER**, deceased.

**V. MCBEE**

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August 8<sup>th</sup> 1810

This day received of the executors of **THOMAS BUCHANAN**, deceased, one hundred dollars in right of **JENNY**, my wife, it being part which was left to her by will I say received by me.

**JOHN FORD**

Test

**JAMES BUCHANAN**

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Received in full of **THOMAS BUCHANAN**, deceased estate March 17<sup>th</sup> 1811 of full amount of \$100 paid out of the executors and legatees.

**WILLIAM RUTLEDGE**

Test

**COLONEL BUCHANAN**

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William Rutledge  
Recd \$100

No 1

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January day 9 1809

This day received of the executors of the estate of my father, deceased, the sum of ten dollars being part of the legacy left me by my father at his decease.

Received by me **ABRAHAM DAVENPORT**

Test

**ROBT M CALL [ROBERT MCCALL]**

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Two days after date I promised to unto **MARTHA BUCHANAN**

Received **ABRAHAM DAVENPORT**

\$10

No 3



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Order for settling

the estate of

**THOMAS BUCHANAN**

Decd

These to be handed to

**ISAAC ERWIN**

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State of North Carolina  
Lincoln County

July Sessions 1827

Ordered by Court that **ANDREW HOYL [HOYLE]**, **ISAAC HOLLAND** and **ALLEN JONES**, Esquires or any two of them be a committee to settle the estate of **THOMAS BUCHANAN** deceased, with **MATTHEW LEAPER [LEEPER]** executor of said estate and make return to next court.

Witness

**VARDRY MCBEE, CC**

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State of North Carolina  
Lincoln County

April Sessions 1808

A return of the appraisement of the estate of **THOMAS BUCHANON**, deceased, amount \$551.37

The demands on the notes below & book accounts and desperate & above \$20 on the books \$80.00

A true copy from the original as well as can be understood.

Witness

**VARDRY MCBEE, CC**

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Copy of the amt  
of the Estate of  
**THOMAS BUCHANAN**

Clerk's fee viz.

Order of Court	\$0.20
Copy of Record	.45
Recording of settlement	.40
=====	
	\$1.05

The above will have to be paid out of the estate.

**V. MCBEE**

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North Carolina  
Lincoln County

Whereas **THOMAS BUCHANAN** late of the said county departed this life on or about the June 9<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1807 after having made his last will & testament in writing & therein having appointed **MATTHEW LEEPER**, executor, & his wife **MARTHA** executrix of the said will who took upon themselves the xxx burther of the execution of the said will.

Now be it remembered that we, the undersigned legatees mentioned in the said will, do by their presents acknowledging the rights of all & every part of the legatees severally to us bequeathed & mentioned in the said will from the hands of the said executors & that this is our receipt final & in full for the same.

Given under our hands & seals this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1828.

**JAMES BUCHANAN** {seal}  
**THOMAS BUCHANAN** {seal, his x mark}  
**MARY BUCHANAN** {seal, her x mark}  
**COLONEL BUCHANAN** {seal}  
**JOHN N. BUCHANAN** {seal}

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Legatees Receipt Final  
of T. **BUCHANAN**

Will

No. 4

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State of North Carolina  
Lincoln County

Agreeable to an order of Court directed to us, **ANDREW HOYL**, to settle the estate of **THOMAS BUCHANAN** with the executors we met & make the following report:

It Appears that the estate of **THOMAS BUCHANAN**, deceased,  
as per the clerks certificate amounts to five hundred and  
fifty one dollars & thirty seven cents. \$551.37

And the amount of notes and book accounts returned as  
desperate \$100.00

Vouchers returned:

No. 1 a receipt of <b>WILLIAM RUTLEDGE</b> in full	\$100.00
No. 2 <b>JOHN FORD</b> 's received in full	\$100.00
No. 3 <b>ABRAHAM DEVENPORT</b> received	\$ 10.00
No. 4 <b>THOMAS BUCHANAN</b> ]	
<b>JAMES BUCHANAN</b> ] Receipts	
<b>MARY BUCHANAN</b> ] all in full	
<b>COLONEL BUCHANAN</b> ] no sign	
<b>JOHN N. BUCHANAN</b> ] him haved	

By the above statement it appears that the receipts are in full of all the above legatees except that of **ABRAHAM DEVENPORT** although the five latter mention no sum we therefor submit it as above with out striking a balance.

By your committee this \_\_\_ day of January 1828

**ANDREW HOYL**, JP  
**ISAAC HOLLAND**, JP

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Settlement the estate  
**THOMAS BUCHANAN**, deceased  
with Executor



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An inventory and appraisement of the estate of **THOMAS BUCHANAN**, deceased.

[Inventory List]

Total \$551.37

25<sup>th</sup> February 1808

Appraised by

**JONATHAN GULLICK**  
**GEORGE DAVENPORT**  
**WILLIAM "CHITTIRY"**

The demands on the notes below & book accounts as desperate \$100.00

In notes \$80.00

On books \$20.00

**MATTHEW LEEPER**, executors

Sworn to April Sessions 1808

**DANIEL "TOONEY"**

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An Inventory  
of the estate of  
**THOMAS BUCHANAN**  
deceased