Will of Miles Barefoot *

I, Miles Barefoot of the county of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and manor, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament in manor and form following, that is to say:

First – that my Executor (here in after named) shall provide for my body a deceit burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, however used to whomsoever owing, out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Items I give unto my beloved wife Meady Barefoot our cow and yearling and heifer, our sow and five *shotes* and five other *shotes* that run on Mill Creek, eight head of geese and horse by the name of Bowback, our half of the turkeys on hand, all the crop of every description after paying John B. Barefoot for his work out of said crop. Al kitchen furniture that she needs, our bed, beadstead & furniture & all the bees. And if she has good luck with the bees, to give all the children that have not had bees, our hive a piece if not the Estate to pay for one each for her natural life to use all the above specified property for her support and not to give it away. I also ______ to my beloved wife Meady Barefoot for her natural life two ewes and two to use in the same manner as the above specified property.

Items - I give and devise to my eldest son Thomas Barefoot Two Dollars and fifty cents to have and to hold forever, with the advancements heretofore given.

Items - I give and devise to my son Bithel b. Barefoot, one bed or money to buy one as good as the rest, also forty-five dollars towards a horse, with the advancements heretofore given, to be his and at his disposal absolutely forever.

Items I give and devise to my son Noah G. Barefoot eighty dollars to buy a horse, with the advancements heretofore given forever.

Items I give and devise to my son John B. Barefoot one mare by the name of Margrey and one colt (cart) with the advancements forever.

Items - I give and devise to my son Jesse G. Barefoot eighty dollars to buy a horse with the advancements

Item I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Susan Johnson wife of Mirick Johnson the sum of fifty dollars, with the advancements heretofore giver forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Morgan wife of Wm Morgan the sum of fifty dollars, with the advancements heretofore given forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Hodge wife of Burton Hodge, the sum of fifty dollars, with the advancements heretofore given forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Louanna Barefoot single the sum of Forty dollars, one bed, furniture, to be hers and at her disposal absolutely forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Meady Ellender Barefoot single
the sum of fifty dollars, one bed and furniture, to be hers and at her disposal absolutely forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Easter Barefoot wife of Joel Barefoot separate and a part from her husband, fifty Dollars, with the advancements heretofore give, to be hers and at her disposal absolutely forever.

The residue of my estate if any, I want equally divided between _____: Susan Johnson wife of Mireck Johnson, Nancy Hodge wife of Burton Hodge, Rebecca Morgan wife of Wm Morgan, Louanna Barefoot, Sir Wm Barefoot, Miles V. Barefoot, Bithel B. Barefoot, Noah G. Barefoot, John B. Barefoot, Jesse G. Barefoot, Meady E. Barefoot, and Easter Barefoot wife of Joel Barefoot.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my son John Barefoot my lawful Executor and all intents and purposes, to execute this my last Will and Testament, according to the true interest and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In writing where of I the said Miles Barefoot do hereunto set my hand and seal, This the 19th day of June A.D. 1861.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Miles Barefoot to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence do inscribe our names as witnesses heretofore:

Kilba Lapiter (Lassiter) James K. Lassiter

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA }

JOHNSTON COUNTY } Court of Least Quarter Sessions August ______, 1861.

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Miles Barefoot deceased is exhibited for probate in Open Court by John B. Barefoot the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Miles Barefoot is proved by the oath and examination of Kilba Lafiter (Lassiter) and James R. Lassiter the subscribing witnesses there to. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paperwiriting and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Miles Barefoot and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And there upon the said John B. Barefoot, executor as aforesaid, duly qualifies as such, by the taking the oath required by law.

_____ Thos D. Snead C.C.C.

19 June 1861 Probate, August Court, 1861

*Johnston County Will Abstracts 1746-1870 Johnston County, NC Pages 13-14, August 1861

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