

[Transcription of the will of James Meredith, Surry County, NC. *Wills Record No. 2, 1783-1792.*
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In the Name of God, Amen

I, James Meredith of the county of Surry and the state of North Carolina, being at this time of perfect sence & sound memory, God be praised for his mercies, and knowing and being senceable of the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being at this time in a weak state of health, do make this my last will and testament, disannulling all other wills by me made prior to these presents but this alone only to be my will and testament that is to say.

I give my beloved wife, Mildred Meridith, all my moveable and perishable property to her use and disposal while she lives & also at her disease, she first paying out of the same what debts I owe, all except the debt I owe to Colonel Archilaus Hughs.

Item. I give to my son, John Meridith, five hundred & forty acres of land lying on the waters of the Mayo River, refering for the courses to a deed of gift to him made to said lands, bearing date the twenty-ninth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine.

Item. My will and desire is that the three hundred and fourteen acres of land lying in Stokes County, including the plantation whereon I formerly lived, be sold by my executors and one half of the money arising therefrom to be delivered to my son Daniel Meridith to his own use, and the other half to be applied to the use of discharging my debt due to Col Hughs, and the balance to be paid to my beloved wife, Mildred Meridith, to be at her own disposal.

Item. My will and desire further is that all debts due to me should be collected by my executors and applied to the use of my beloved wife and to my son, John Meridith, to be equally divided between them, and I do hereby appoint my son William Meridith and my son John Meridith sole executors of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fifteenth day of February, Anno Dom one thousand seven hundred and 90.

Present Wm. Meredith

James Meredith (seal)

Wm Cook

Keziah Cook (his mark)

North Carolina, Surry County, May term 1790.

William Cook and Keziah Cook, two of the subscribing witnesses to the forgoing last will & testament of James Meredith made oath that they saw the said Meridith publish & declare the same to be his last will & testament, that he was of sound desposing mind & memory, and at the same time they saw William Meridith sign the same as witness thereto & it was ordered to be recorded.

Recorded accordingly. Jo Williams CC