

In the Name of God Amen.

P. Thomas Messery of the County of Montgomery and State of North Carolina. Being of sound Mind and perfect Memory, do constitute and ordain this my last will & testament

First of all, I commend my soul to God who gave it, and my body is the will to be buried at the discretion of my friends,

I give & bequeath to my son Thomas the whole of my land on which I now live and also my Negro Man Charles, after the death of myself and wife. I give and bequeath unto my son Welcome the one hundred dollars I let him have to pay for land on Little River

I give and bequeath to my son Robert my Negro boy York.

I give and bequeath to my son Peter my Negro boy Major, also one hundred dollars in money to be paid out of my estate.

I lend unto my son Blackwell my Negro boy Black Richard from year to year during his life at the discretion of my executors and also empower them to make him a deed to the one hundred & thirty acres of land he now lives on in the Co. aforesaid

I lend unto my daughter Mary my Negro girl Charity during her life from year to year at discretion of my executors. And then said Charity and her increase to be divided equally among the surviving heirs of her body.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha