

Will, NC, Lincoln, Francis Armstrong 1779

In the name of God, Amen.

The thirtieth day of September in the year of our Lord 1779.

I **FRANCIS ARMSTRONG** of North Carolina, in the county of Lincoln, being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say:

PRINCIPALLY and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it; and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors, brother **ROBERT ARMSTRONG** of the one part and brother **MATHEW LEEPER** of the other, witnesseth that that nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again my the might power of God.

And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give , devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

IMPRIMIS. It is my will and I do order that in the first place all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied.

ITEM. I give an bequeath unto **ESTHER [LEEPEL ARMSTRONG]** my well beloved wife all the household furniture, the big bay mare and colt and three hear old colt with as mall pay of hard money and six cows and calves, all the rest to be sold at public vendue except what she ??? for meat and steer or too and some hogs and and the rest to be sold.

ITEM. I give an bequeath unto my well beloved brother **JAMES [ARMSTRONG]** and **MATHEW LEEPER** the said piece of land purchased and entered by Frances Armstrong upon Rich Land Creek running into Big Church, likewise an old rifle gun to James and the new rifle gun to **MATHEW LEEPER**.

ITEM. I give an bequeath to my brother **ROBERT's [ARMSTRONG]** son **FRANCIS [ARMSTRONG]** one little gray mare and colt.

ITEM. I give an bequeath to my well beloved **ARTHUR [ARMSTRONG]**, oldest son, the little bay mare.

ITEM. I give an bequeath to my well beloved brother in law **JOHN LEEPER** the sorrel horse of the gray mare.

ITEM. I give an bequeath to my well beloved brother **JOHN [ARMSTRONG]** Bond ??? Colt

ITEM. And all the rest of me affects to be sold at public vendue, that is, horses cows, hogs & sheep. Likewise wagon and gears are to be sold at public vendue and the money to be divided in to three equal parts and my wife to have two parts and the rest to be equally divided amount the rest of my brothers and sisters. Likewise one hundred weight of bacon at six shillings a pound and received sixty dollars and the rest is remaining due.

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FRANCIS ARMSTRONG {seal}
ESTHER ARMSTRONG

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Francis Armstrong as his last will and testament in the presence of us, the under subscribed.

NICHOLAS LEEPER
WILLIAM MCLEAN
MATHEW ARMSTRONG

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