

1 "OUR TIME IN HISTORY this WOOD FAMILY" by: J GLENN WOOD & ROBERT D WOOD

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3 Will of WILLIAM WOOD, JR, (AC)  
4 Recorded as WILLIAM WOOD, SR  
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6 In the name of GOD Amen, I WILLIAM WOOD, SR of the County of Randolph and State of North Carolina, being weak in body  
7 but of a sound and perfect memory thanks be to almighty GOD and calling to remembrance the frailty and uncertainty of  
8 human life, have made this my last Will and Testament following:  
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10 I give and commit my soul into the hands of my merciful creator, hoping for the remission of my sins through the  
11 merits of my blessed redeemer JESUS CHRIST. My body I leave to be buried at the discession of my executors here-  
12 after named. And as to my estate, both real and personal, I leave in the following manner:  
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14 First my desire is that all my just debts be honestly paid and the residue as follows:  
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16 Viz I leave my land and improvements to my beloved wife MARTHA WOOD during her natural life and at her decease I give  
17 it to my two sons viz, WILLIAM KENDRICK WOOD & JONES KENDRICK WOOD I give to them and their heirs forever.  
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19 Item: I give to my daughter MARY HEARTHORN two shillings & six pence, lawful money of North Carolina, to her and her  
20 heirs forever.  
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22 Item: I give to my daughter SARAH CALLER two shillings & six pence, lawful money of North Carolina, to her and her  
23 heirs forever.  
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25 Item: I give to my daughter DIZY ARNOLD two shillings & six pence, lawful money of North Carolina, to her and her  
26 heirs forever.  
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28 Item: I give to my son BURRELL WOOD two shillings & six pence, lawful money of North Carolina, to him and his heirs  
29 forever.  
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31 Item: I give to my son PENUEL WOOD two shillings & six pence, lawful money of North Carolina, to him and his heirs  
32 forever.  
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34 Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter NANCEY TUCKER two shillings & six pence, lawful money of North Carolina, to  
35 her and her heirs forever.  
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37 Item: I give to my daughter DORCUS KIMBALL half a crown, to her and her heirs forever.  
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39 Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter PATSEY WOOD one feather bed and furniture and one cow and calf, to her and

40 | her heirs forever.  
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42 | Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter BETSEY WOOD one feather bed and furniture and one cow and calf, to her and  
43 | her heirs forever.  
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45 | Item: I give unto my wife all the rest of my estate, both real and personal not heretofore mentioned, I give it to her  
46 | and her heirs forever. Revoking all former Wills by me made, do appoint my beloved wife MARTHA WOOD executor and my  
47 | sons WILLIAM KENDRICK WOOD & JONES KENDRICK WOOD executors of this my last Will and Testament. Acknowledging this to  
48 | be my only last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of May 1801.  
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50 | Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared this to be my last Will and Testament, before the subscribing  
51 | witness;  
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53 | NATHAN ELLIOTT  
54 | BENJAMIN MARSHALL  
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56 | PATSEY X RAINS  
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59 | Recorded: Not known at this time.  
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64 | The Bond of MARTHA KENDRICK WOOD  
65 | Wife of WILLIAM WOOD, JR (AC)  
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67 | Know all men by these presents that I, MARTHA WOOD, widow and relict of WILLIAM WOOD, SR late of the County of Randolph  
68 | am held and firmly bound to PENUEL WOOD, BURRELL WOOD, WILLIAM K WOOD and JONES K WOOD sons of the said deceased. Also,  
69 | WHITLOCK ARNOLD, CLEMENT ARNOLD, JOHN COLLIER, JARRATT TUCKER, HEZEKIAH NAYLOR and RANSOM HARRIS sons in law of the  
70 | said deceased in the sum of one thousand pounds, current money of North Carolina, to be paid to the said PENUEL,  
71 | BURRELL, WILLIAM K, JONES K, WHITLOCK, CLEMENT, JOHN, JARRETT, HEZEHIAH and RANSOM their heirs, executors and admini-  
72 | strators to which payment will and truly to be made. I bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators firmly by  
73 | these presents sealed with my seal and dated this seventh day of May, Anno Domini 1804.  
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75 | The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above named WILLIAM WOOD, deceased, made his last Will  
76 | and Testament where among other things (after sundry requests) he leaves the residue of his estate, both real and  
77 | personal, to his said widow MARTHA, and has appointed his said widow and his sons, the aforesaid WILLIAM KINDRICK WOOD

78 and JONES KINDRICK WOOD his executors.  
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80 Now if the said MARTHA shall make no disposition of the residue of said estate so devised or bequeathed to her during  
81 her life or by her last Will and Testament, but leave the same to be equally divided among the aforesaid heirs of  
82 WILLIAM WOOD deceased, to wit, PENUEL, BURRELL, WILLIAM K, JONES K, WHITLOCK, CLEMENT, JOHN JARRAT, HEZEKIAH & RANSOM  
83 their heirs, executors and administrators together with the natural increase of the stock of negroes and the same  
84 quantity of stock or of equal value with what is at this time - and that the aforesaid WILLIAM KINDRICK WOOD shall have  
85 the control over the management of such estate, but not in such manner as to deprive me of the use of such property  
86 during my life -or if the stock or any part of it should die or by unavoidable accident be lost - I am not liable for  
87 such part then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.  
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89 Signed Sealed & Delivered  
90 In Presence of  
91 BENJA STEED  
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95 The Bond of MARTHA KENDRICK WOOD  
96 Wife of WILLIAM WOOD, JR (AC)  
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98 The document above, found in WILLIAM WOOD'S estate file, was the basic from which a bill of complaint was filed  
99 in Randolph County equity court after MARTHA'S death in February 1831. The clerk's record, consisting of numerous  
100 pages of testimony, not included here, gave evidence of the dissatisfaction with the Will of WILLIAM WOOD by the  
101 heirs. (A note at the bottom stated that DORCUS KIMBALL was not a party to the bill of complaint) in brief, the  
102 plaintiffs tried to prove that WILLIAM wrote the Will under duress from MARTHA to favor her favorite sons. They  
103 testified that WILLIAM was near 70 years old and infirm and MARTHA took advantage of him to advance herself and her  
104 favorites. The plaintiffs thought that there had been money left buried in the garden, and they thought there was  
105 as much as \$2,000.00 worth of stock and money. They also complained that MARTHA had given JONES K \$450.00 to buy a  
106 slave of SAMUEL DUNN and also given him 4 or 5 horses. Since MARTHA'S death JONES K had refused to give up any  
107 property as stipulated by the above document.  
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109 The testimony of the defendant JONES K WOOD denied that MARTHA had anything to do with the Will of WILLIAM WOOD and  
110 was, in fact, in South Carolina when WILLIAM walked the several miles to the home of BENJAMIN MARSHALL to have it  
111 written. He himself was just a lad at the time and did not know about such things. He said he had borrowed money  
112 from his mother to buy the slave, but had paid it back. He knew nothing of money his father had buried, but his  
113 mother had buried a small amount of silver which was accounted for. According to JONES K, MARTHA felt she had been  
114 forced to sign the bond by her more influential sons in law and regretted having done so. She had mentioned it  
115 numbers of times, he said.  
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117 The court decreed that the slaves must be sold, and after court and sales costs, the remaining monies be divided into  
118 eleven equal parts and distributed to the heirs. Since the death of WILLIAM WOOD and before the death of MARTHA,  
119 HEZEKIAH NAYLOR had died in Randolph County, JOHN COLLIER had died in either Alabama or Florida, and JARRATT TUCKER  
120 had died in Tenn.

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127 | BURRELL WOOD (ACC) & Others  
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129 | JONES K WOOD (ACL)  
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131 | In obedience to a decree made at the last term of this honorable court, commanding the master to sell the negroes  
132 | mrntioned in said decree, I proceeded to sell them, after advertising them as directed in the decree, on the 27th day  
133 | of Octomber last when ALEXANDER HOGAN became the purchaser of CHANCY and her child JACK at the price \$355; and of  
134 | ESTER at the price of \$200; making the sum of \$635 and gave bond with WILLIAM HOGAN security. WILLIAM HARRIS purchased  
135 | AMEY at the price of \$332.50 and gave bond with JESSE HARRIS his security. BURRELL WOOD purchased CHRISTMAS at the  
136 | price of \$425 and gave bond with WOOD ARNOLD his security. HENRY CROSS purchased MARY at the price of \$201 and gave  
137 | bond with BURRELL WOOD his security. JONES J WOOD purchased DANIEL at the price of \$176 and gave bond with WOOD ARNOLD  
138 | his securiyy. Total amount of sale \$1,769.50.  
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140 | All which is respectfully submitted. JOHN DANIEL, CME By:  
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150	Children as listed in "Family Record"   Children as listed in "WILL"
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153	SARAH WOOD.....mar JOHN COLLIER.....   dau MARY HEARTHORN
154	DISEY WOOD.....mar WHITLOCK ARNOLD.....   " SUSAN COLLIER
155	BURRELL WOOD.....mar MARGARET BURKHEAD.....   " DISEY ARNOLD
156	PENUEL WOOD.....mar SARAH KIMBALL & MARY LYNDON SMITHSON.....   son BURRELL WOOD
157	REBECCA WOOD.....mar CLEMENT ARNOLD.....   " PENUEL WOOD
158	WILLIAM KINDRICK.....mar RACHEL ROBBINS.....   son WILLIAM KINDRICK WOOD

159	NANCY WOOD.....mar JARRATT TUCKET.....	dau NANCY TUCKER
160	DARCUS WOOD.....mar WILLIAM LEE, HARRIS KIMBALL & HENRY CROSS	" DARCUS KIMBALL
161	MARTHA WOOD.....mar HEZEKIAH NAILOR.....	" PATSEY WOOD
162	ELIZABETH "BETSY" WOOD.mar RANSOM DUNN LOFTIN.....	" BETSEY WOOD
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