

Will of Joseph Copeland, Father of Mary Copeland

(My 4th Great Grandmother, Jesse M. Lawrence Jr.)

Note: He served in the military in 1776 in Rev. War- North Carolina Line. Rec land grant in Davidson Co., TN in March 17, 1785

He lived in Chatham North Carolina early in life and all his children were born there, moving to Jefferson County, Tennessee in 1783. His will was made Aug. 10, 1799 and was interred in court June Session of 1816.

CHATHAM COUNTY,, North Carolina

June 29, 1771 (P. 51) Thomas Blyth sold to Joseph Copeland - 52pds. 122 a. on the North side of Haw River 'concluding an Island". Wit: William Copeland, John Blyth, Jacob Vaughn. Signed by: Thomas (X) Blyth.

Oct. 1, 1771 (P.5) - Joseph Copeland sold to Thomas Tucker - 55pds. 122 a. on the North side of Haw River,, concluding and island -it be in the land granted by deed to the said Joseph Copeland by Thomas Blyth bearing date 1771. Wit : William Copeland, Senr., John (x) Bohannon. Signed: Joseph (E) Copeland.

Feb. 18,, 1774 (P. 216) - Joseph Copeland and Sarah his wife to William Clark - 125 pds. - 27 1/2 a. –

a tract of land granted to a certain Nicholas Copeland - - being one half of the survey granted to aforesaid Nicholas Plan - - being the land and Plantation whereon Josiah Copeland formerly lived. Wit: John Auld,, George Glasscock, George Herndon.

Signed: Joseph Copeland (X), Sarah (S) Copeland.

Joseph, with brothers, William and James, moved to East Tenn in 1783 and settled on 640 acres, seven miles north of Danridge on the south side of the French Broad River. Each received land grants which are documented in the North Carolina Land Grants in Tennessee. James later sold his land to William and moved to South Carolina in 1786 and purchased land from his wife's cousin Archibald Dill, who had been a nearby neighbor on the Long Island of the Holston. William became a signer for the State of Franklin and remained there until his death. Joseph moved to Jefferson, which is part of Knox County

October 12, 1793 - Knoxville Gazette - (newspaper article) On the 3rd,, a party of Indians, consisting of 30, plundered the house of Mr. Copeland on the South bank of French B road, the family only a few minutes before passed over to the North side and were eye witnesses to their number and depredation

WILL OF JOSEPH COPELAND

In the name of God, amen. the 10th day of August One Thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, I, Joseph Copland, of Jefferson County and State of Tennessee, being weakly in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to almighty God, there for calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing

that it is appointed for all my onst to die , I 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 in to the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to buried in a decent Christian burial at the descretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall recieve the same again by the mighty promist of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to help me with in this life. I desire first that all my lawfully debts should be paid, the rest I give, devise, and dispose in the following manner and form.

Imprimis, I give and bequeth unto my dearly beloved wife, Sarah Copland, the third of three hundred acres of land, the lower end of my plantation, with all my moveable property estate as long as she continues my widow.

Item: I give unto my beloved son Stephen Copland, the sum o five shillings sterling.

Item: I give unto my beloved son Zacheus Copland, five shillings sterling.

Item: I give unto my beloved son Rickety Copland, three hundred and forty acres of land,

the upper end of the above s aid plantation.

Item: I give unto my beloved daughter, Isabel, the sum of five shillings sterling.

Item: I give unto my beloved daughter Susannah, five shillings sterling.

Item: I give unto my beloved daughter, Elizabeth, five shillings sterling.

Item: I give unto my beloved son, Nicholas Copland, five shillings sterling.

Item: I give unto my beloved daughter, Mary, the sum of five shillings sterling.

Item: I give unto my beloved son, Solomon Copland, three hundred acres of land, the lower end of the above mentioned plantation, to be enjoyed by him and his heirs forever with all my moveable estate, after my wife decease or marriage.

I likewise constitute, make, and ordain my dearly beloved wife and my beloved friend, John Seahorn, my joint executors of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby alter ly disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every former test aments, wills, legacies, bequeths, and executors by me and any way before named willed, and bequethed, ratifying, an d confirming by this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness, where of, I have here unto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and declared by the said Joseph Copland as his last will and testament.

Wit: George Graham, George Lewis, Reuben Dobkins

State of Tennessee Jefferson County June sessions 1816

Then was the last will and testament of Joseph Copland, deceased, duly proven in Open Court by the oaths of George Graham and Reuben Dobkins, two of the subscribing witnesses to the same and ordered to be recorded. Joseph Hamilton, Clerk by his dep., Joseph Hamilton, Jr.