**Will of Felix Motsinger, 1727-1791,
Rowan Co., North Carolina**

In the name of God, Amen, the eight day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one. I, Felix Motzinger, of Rowan County in the state of North Carolina, farmer being sick and weak in body but perfect mind and memory thanks be to God therefore calling unto him the mortality of my body and knowing that it is approved 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 Almighty God that gave it and my body I re-commend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discertion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall view the family again by the mighty powers of God-and touching such worthy estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give and demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and from Viz-That is to say first I give and bequest to Elizabeth Motzinger my dearly beloved wife to have fifty pounds in hard money including a bond bearing date sometime before our marriage as her part of my estate real and moveable-Then gave and bequeath to my son John Motzinger the choice of any horse and three cows of his choice out of the cattle and likewise my homestead plantation with all the appeartances and privileges to belong to him and his heirs and assigns forever and Likewise a tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and twelve acres of land joining my said homestead place with all its appertainances to him and his assigns forever.

I gave and bequeath to my two sons Jacob Motzinger and Daniel Motzinger one tract a parsel of land containing three hundred acres on the waters of Abets Creek known by the name of Gouks old place to be equally divided between them with all appertainces that belong to them their heirs and assigns forever-and likewise I gave and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth a tract of land containing sixty acres where she now lives on to be hers during her lifetime and at her decease the said land to fall to her son Christian Ham and to his heirs and assigns firever and likewise to my daughter Elizabeth two cows for her own use and fifty pounds in Money for her use-I likewise gave and bequeath to Barbara, Mary, and Christian Ham forty-seven pounds to equally divided between them with interest from this date until they come of age-likewise I gave and bequeath to the child which my wife now is with have born in case it should live one hundred pounds and in case it should die then in that case the same money to be equally divided between my thr-ee sons Jacob, Daniel, and John Motzinger.

Likewise give and bequeath unto Susannah, John, Jacob, and Frederick Long, my wi-fe's children each of them their full dowery of their father's estate namely John Long deceased which fell into my hands agreeable to the terms of said Long's will to be paid with interest until paid-and likewise and gave one steel shakerow, one crosscut saw and gave one hackle for the use and benefit of my three sons not to be disposed of but to keep it for these different uses as they shall stand in ne-ed of any of them-I likewise gave and bequeath to my son John Motzinger one Hun-dred pounds in money before and division shall take place and then lastly I gave and bequeath unto my three sons Jacob, Daniel, John Motzinger the rest of my goods, chattels, rights, and order it to be equally divided between them three and if in case they should not agree themselves I would that it should be valued and div-ided by three indifferent ones men and then each one take his decision according.

I likewise constitute and make and ordain my son Jacob Motzinger and Franas Long my sole Executors of this my last will and testament and do hereby disavow, revoke, and disannul all and any other former testaments, wills, legacies, bequeaths and executed by me in any way before willed and bequeath certified and confirmed this and no other to be my last will and testament in writing where of I have here to set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first written here in sign seal publish pronounced and declared by the said Felix Motzinger as his last Will and testament in the presence of us

Adam Geayer, Jn Monro, Susannah Graves (Her X), Felix (FM) Motzinger