

FAIRFIELD COUNTY WILL BOOK 1

1787—1792

Fairfield County was created by act of the legislature in 1785 and was organized in the following year. It was given probate jurisdiction in 1787. The earliest probate records seem to be complete. These abstracts were made from the original will book on microfilm and were compared with the typed copies made by the WPA. The copies were found to be frequently incorrect. The nuncupative will of John Alston on the first page, for example, was simply overlooked.

Page 1. Nuncupative will of John Alston. 2 June 1787. John Alston desires that his children should all have an equal proportion of his land, except his oldest son Samuel, who should have his choice of the division a little better than the rest, as James Brown and Robert Boyd, whom he desires to take the managing of said estate, shall think proper. His moveables should remain in his widow's hands as long as she continues a widow. Mr. James Mann, Mr. William Boyd Junior, and Mrs. Jenny Brown, being present when said words were spoken by said Mr. Alston on his deathbed and in his own house, personally appeared and made oath to the foregoing on June 16, 1787, before James Craig, J. P.

William Boyd
James (X) Mann
Jenny (X) Brown

— Aug. 1787. Letters of Executorship granted to James Brown and Robert Boyd, who took the oath prescribed.

Page 2. Upon the petition of the orphans William, Mary, and Jane Simpson to John, Richard, and Minor Winn, Esqrs, Justices of said county, Capt. William Robinson was appointed their guardian. 11 Nov. 1787.

(Note written into the book:) 19 Feb. 1790. Deliv'd up Mr. Robinson's bond. With the approbation of the court, Mr. Robinson gave up the above guardianship to Mr. — (illegible), who originally administered.

13 Nov. 1787. Estate of William Muckleroy. Philip Pearson petitioned for Letters of Administration on the estate of William Muckleroy. Citation to kindred and creditors issued. Letters granted 26 May 1788.

Pages 3-5. Will of Hugh McMaster, late of the parish of Ballymoney in the County of Antrim and Kingdom of Ireland, now at this present writing a passenger on board the Friendship of Greenork in North Britain, Capt. Adam Cowear, bound for Charleston, S. C., last from Larne in the County of Antrim, being afflicted in my body, appointing Hugh McFullen and James Killoch now passengers on said