

Beaufort County fl. December Court 1748

Present His Majesty's Justice

Then are to certify that the within last Will and Testament of Benjn Peyton late of Beaufort County Esq. deceased was exhibited in open Court and proved by the oath of James Broton one of the signing evidences thereto who swore that he seed the Testator sign seal publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that the said Dorothy Brown and Francis Seawles the other subscribing evidences thereto within the same when upon Eleanor Peyton Widow and relict of the aforesd. decd. and Henry Snood Esq. Exors therein named came and qualified by their taking the Oath of an Executor according to Law. Ordered that the Secretary have notice thereof and that the Last Will and Testament be recorded in the Orphans Book

Teste John Forbes Clerk Court

In the Name of God Amen
I John Eckols of Beaufort County in North Carolina being in perfect Sense and Memory but calling to mind the Mortality of Mankind have taken this time to Settle my worldly affairs which is as followeth
Emprimus I leave to my well beloved wife the plantation now I live on during her natural life or
I dooms - I give unto my well beloved Son John Eckols the land and plantation whereas I live from the head of the Orchard brook to a straight line to the Suana pond and so to the head - to him and his heirs and assigns for ever -
I dooms - I give and bequeath to my well beloved Son James Eckols all and singular the rest of the said tract where I now live on to him and his heirs and assigns forever

the Cargo of said Sloop which my will is my Wife ^{xx} have to dispose of as ^{xx} ^{xx} ^{xx} ^{xx}

Furthermore ^{xx} and Desire is that if ^{xx} of the Negroes given to my children should decease before the time of delivery as aforesd that then there shall be another purchased for the use the Child the other belonged to.

Furthermore I desire that there be a patten taken out in the name of Eleanor Peyton my daughter for Sigley's Survey

Furthermore my will is that at the time of Division of the Estate after my Wife's Decease that then I empower my Son Henry Snood to make a Division according to this my will and if my Son Henry Snood should Decease before such Division my Desire is that there should be Two men of the Court appointed to make the Division as aforesd and such Division so made by my Son Snood or the Court my Desire is that my Children shall be obliged to abide by it

And I Doe hereby constitute and appoint my well beloved Wife Eleanor Peyton and my Son Henry Snood Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking a former Will by me made. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 30th of September in the year of our Lord 1746

Signed Sealed and Delivered.

Benjⁿ Peyton

in Presence of
James Broton
Dorothy Brown
Francis Seawles

And Furthermore it is my Will and Desire for sundry reasons within myself. I Give and Bequeath unto my well beloved wife Eleanor Peyton my Negro Girl named Rachel which I had afore given to my daughter Sarah and I Give and Bequeath unto my daughter Sarah my negro Girl named Violet and it is my Will and Desire that there should be no misconstructions put upon this addition to my Will but that that it should be deemed good and valid. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 26 Day of March Anno Domini 1748

Signed Sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Eleanor Peyton
and Henry Snood

Benjⁿ Peyton (Seal)

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved Son Joseph Eckols one hundred acres of land lying on the South side of Cambels Creek and Eighty acres on S.W branch of the said Creek It being the last Survey as I made and all of the rest of said Survey I give unto my well beloved Son James Eckols or their heirs forever

Item. I give and bequeath to my well beloved Son Ralph Eckols the one half of the plantation where now my Son John Eckols now lives It being upon Hundred to him and their heirs and assigns for ever

Item. I give to my Daughter Ann Harris one Shilling Sterling

Item. I give to my Daughter Mary Henry one Shilling Sterling

Item. I give to my Daughter Elinor Eckols one feather bed and all the appurtenances thereto belonging with three cows and Calves

Item. I give unto my beloved Son James Eckols my Musket

Item. I give to my Beloved Son Josias Eckols my round Barrell gun

Item. I give to my well beloved Josias Eckols my Mice after his Mothers decease

Item. I leave all my Cattle to my well beloved wife and all the rest of my goods and Chattels to her during her life and after her decease to my Son James Eckols and Josias Eckols I also constitute and appoint my well beloved Sons James Eckols and Josias Eckols Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 20th day of December 1750

John Eckols

Henry Overitt

Aaron Spring

Joshua ^{son} Roe

Beaufort County

At a Court begun and held for the said County at the Court house in Bath Town on the Second Tuesday in March and 13th day of the same Month Anno Domini 1750

Present his Majestys Justices

These are to certify that Joshua Roe one of the subscribing witnesses to the within Will appeared in open Court and made oath on the holy Evangelists that he was present and saw John Eckols

sign Seal and declare the within Instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and that the said John Eckols was at the time of Sound and disposing mind and memory and that he also saw Henry Overitt the other subscribing witness sign his name thereto at the same time. Where James Eckols and Joseph Eckols Exors of the said Will appeared in open Court and took the Oath of an Exor in due form Whereupon it was Ordered by the said Court that Mr Secretary have Notice thereof that letten Testamentary Issue thereupon as the Law directs

Test William Ormond, Clerk Court

In the Name of God Amen. this thirteenth day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and fifty one

I Edward Doe of Beaufort County in the Province of North Carolina Being Sick and weak in body but of Perfect memory and Sound mind thanks be given to God for the same, calling to mind that I am mortal and that it is appointed for all men to die I do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, 1st of all I give my Soul into the hands of God and my body to the dust hoping to receive the same by the mighty power of God and to find acceptance with him through the merits of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ And Touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God to Bestow on me in this Life I Give and dispose of the same in manner and form following:

That is to say I Give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Alice Doe the one half part of my Estate both real and personal to be to her her heirs and assigns forever

further I do Give and bequeath to my Dear and well beloved Grand Son Elisha Eburn the other half part of my Estate as well Real as personal. To be to him his heirs and assigns fore ever but still it is not to be delivered