

North Carolina

Gladwin County In the Name of God Amen

The 27th day of August in the Year of Our Lord 1765
 I Benjamin Singletary of Gladwin County formerly
 being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind
 and memory Thanks be given unto God for the same
 and desiring to mend the mortality of my body and
 knowing that it is appointed for all men once to
 die do make this my last Will and Testament
 that is to say principally and first of all.

I give and recommend my soul unto the Hands
 of God that gave it and for my body I recommend
 it to the earth to be buried in a Christian
 like and decent manner at the discretion of my
 Executors nothing doubting but at the general re-
 urrection I shall receive the same again by the
 mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly
 estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me
 in this life. I give devise and dispose of the
 same in manner and form following that is to
 say in the first place.

I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my dear
 beloved Wife while she lives the House and some
 Rock goods and plantation where I now live to-
 gether with one Negro Man named David all my
 stock of Horses Cattle and Hogs to dispose of as she
 thinks proper for the bringing up and schooling
 of the Youngest Children and after her death
 the Plantation to be equally divided between
 my two Youngest Sons Joseph & John. it is also

I give to my eldest Son Richard 320 acres of
 land joining the upper side of the plantation
 I now live on and one Negro fellow named
 Abner to him and his heirs.

Also I give to my Son Benjamin 300 acres of
 land lying on the South West of the River opposite
 to the land I gave to my Son Richard and one
 Negro Man named Warend to him and his heirs
 Also I give to my Son James 100 acres
 of land joining the back of the land I gave to my
 Son Richard and one Negro Man named

Reid after his mothers death to him and his heirs.
 It also to my Son Joseph one Negro boy named
 Pippie to him and his heirs.

I likewise constitute make and ordain my beloved
 Wife Elizabeth and my Son Richard my only
 Executors and Executors of this my last Will and Testa-
 ment all and each of them by me. And I do
 hereby utterly disavow revoke and disannul all
 and every other former Testament wills and Legacies
 bequest and executors by me in any way before this
 time named and bequeathed, ratifying and
 confirming this and no other to be my last will
 and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, published,
 pronounced and declared
 by the said Benjamin
 Singletary as his last
 Will and Testament in the
 presence of us the subscribers
 Mitchell Eustace
 Thomas Robeson Junr
 Mary Robeson.

Benjamin Singletary (Sd)

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I James Vernon of the County and Province
 aforesaid being of perfect mind and memory and
 calling to mind the uncertainty of life. do make
 this my last Will and Testament.

First and principally I commit my soul to my
 blessed maker trusting in his mercies and in the
 merit of my dear Redeemer for the Remission of
 all my sins.