

Will of Francis Thomas

North Carolina }
Bladen County } In The Name of God Amen
I Francis Thomas of Bladen County being sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory do constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:—
Imprimis, I will that all my just debts be fully paid and satisfied —

Item: I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Jean Thomas my bed, & Chairs and all my household furniture, to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I will that all the rest of my Estate real and personal, shall be sold to pay my debts, the surplus to be equally divided between my Children share and share alike, I do hereby appoint my dearly beloved wife Jean Thomas, Executrix and my dearly beloved son George Thomas Executor to this my Last Will and Testament.

Lastly, I do revoke and make void all other and former Wills by me at any time made declaring this and no other, to be my last Will and Testament, given under my hand & seal this eight day of June one thousand seven hundred and fifty six.
Fran^s Thomas

Signed, sealed, acknowledged
and delivered in Presence of us.

Thos^a Hall
Lucy Hall
Thos^a Smith

Will of Gershon Bentow

In The Name of God Amen this 12th day of January in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty I, Gershon Bentow of Bladen County and Province of North Carolina planter, being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory, thanks be to God for the same therefore Calling unto mind the mortality of the body and knowing that is appointed for all men once to dye, 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 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 & decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give, devise and dispose of the same in the manner and form following.

Imprimis: It is my will and desire and do order that in the first place all my just debts and funeral Charges be paid and satisfied.

Item: I give, devise & bequeath unto my well beloved and Eldest son Pamel Bentow all those three certain tracts of land & premises together with the Plantation & appurtenances thereunto belonging whereon I now dwell as by two certain patents with Drafts thereunto annexed doth at large appear, adjoining four hundred & fifty acres the third price or part of Land containing fifty acres which I purchased of Richard Hallis for which I have received no deed or Conveyance as yet, all which three recited tracts of land and premises as aforesaid I do hereby give, devise and bequeath unto my said son Pamel for the use of him, his heirs and assigns to hold, possess occupy and enjoy the same forever.

Item: I give, devise & bequeath unto my beloved sons Richard and Evan Bentow two certain tracts of land situate on Myer Swamp one of which tracts of land I hold by a certain patent with a Draft thereunto annexed doth at large appear contain one hundred & fifty acres the other tract adjoining thereunto containing two hundred acres for which I have John Edwards' obligation to make a good & lawful title for the same when required as by said obligation doth more fully appear, the lower tract which I hold by patent, of first with the home & plantation thereon together with twenty five acres of land to be measured and taken off the lower end of the said Edwards tract adjoining to the same I give, devise & bequeath unto my son Richard Bentow aforesaid, the upper end and remaining part of said Edwards tract, which remaining part will be one hundred & seventy five acres together with the appurtenances thereunto belonging I give, devise & bequeath unto my said son Evan Bentow which two tracts of land and premises so devised and bequeathed for the use of them their heirs and assigns to hold, possess, occupy and enjoy the same forever.

Item: My will and desire is that the tract of land commonly called the heron pond which I hold by patent a Draft thereof being thereunto annexed doth more at large appear that the same may be sold to the best advantage