

therunto belonging be sold by my said Ex^{or} for the use of my three Children and the money arising by the sale thereof to be equally divided amongst them. In Test^{is} witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixteenth day of October 1734.

J. Bapt^{is} Ashe

Signed & Sealed
in presence of each sealed
James Innes
Joseph Waller
Ed^d Smith

North Carolina

Before his Excellency, Gabriel Johnston, Esq^r, Captain General, Governor in Chief of the Province of North Carolina and Ordinary of the same.

Personally came before me Michael Rutter one of the witnesses to the within instrument being the last Will and Testament of John Baptista Ashe, Esq. who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, declared that he was present and saw the said John Baptista Ashe, Esq. sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that he was at the same time of sound and disposing mind & memory and understanding, to the best of his separate knowledge and that he saw John Hawkins, Cornelius Targan & Michael Rutter three other signing witnesses present at the execution of the said instrument and sign their names or mark therunto.

Likewise personally appeared James Innes, Esq. one of the witnesses to the Codicil annexed to the said instrument or last Will and Testament who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, said that he saw the said John Baptista Ashe duly execute and publish the said Codicil to the last Will and Testament, and that he was at the time of sound mind and memory to the best of his separate knowledge and that he saw Joseph Waller, and Edward Smith the two other signing witnesses present at the execution of same.

Given under my hand at Brunswick the 16th day of November Anno Domini 1734
Gabl Johnston

Will of James Carver

In the name of God, Amen.

I, James Carver, Sen^r, of Bladen Dist, Will Wright, being in perfect health and bound by the Grace of God to the Island of Barbados and knowing the uncertainty of this transitory life, do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament and do utterly revoke & disallow all former Wills by me heretofore made and as concerning what worldly Goods it hath pleased God to bestow upon me in this Life, I give and devise in the following manner.

First, I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, my Saviour, and Redeemer, and my Body to the earth or Sea as it shall please God to Ordain it.

Secondly, I will that all my just debts be paid and satisfied by my Executors and Executors, who I do hereafter appoint.

Item

I give, devise and bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth Carver the bed and furniture thereto belonging which she now lies on as also one half of the Stock of Cattle and a mare called Jonny and an iron pot, a brass kettle, two parringers, four plates and a pewter dish and the use of the house during her widowhood.

Item

I give and bequeath unto my son James Carver my land that is on the North East side of the North West River joining Rich^d Hellier's Land containing two hundred acres and one half of the saw mill and one half of the land thereto belonging beginning at the lower Corner, a stake and running up the Creek South Seventy Eight degrees West so far as to comprehend one half the land and thence a line at right angles to the back line and along that line to a lightwood stump and thence to the first Station, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item

I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Carver the remaining part of my tract of land being the upper part as also the other part or half of the saw mill standing thereon to him, his heirs and assigns forever it being at one half the charge of making of a good building on his brothers part of of ye land as this is on his part.

Item:

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Carver three hundred Pounds Currency of North Carolina, one hundred and fifty pounds to be paid in a Twelve Months after

my decease & the other one hundred and fifty pounds to be paid in two years after my decease to her and her heirs forever.

Item

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anna Carver the Bed and furniture that she usually lies upon and all that stock of Cattle that is registered and called her Cattle and Three Hundred pounds Currency of New Carolina, fifty pounds when she arrives to the age of Eighteen years and the remaining sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds to be paid in two payments, the first payment to be when she is sixteen years of age the other ye year after to her and her heirs forever.

Lastly, I nominate my loving wife Elizabeth Carver my executrix to this my last Will and Testament and my two Sons James Carver and Samuel Carver, my Executors jointly, with my wife and do appoint my said two Sons to pay yearly to their Mother one hundred pounds per year during her life.

In Witness whereof I the said James Carver have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred & thirty eight.

James Carver

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us.

Richard Heller
Ann ^{his} X Heller
mark

Proved before me in due form of Law. this 7th day of June 1739. Gab Johnston

Will of Benjamin Lock

The Last Will and testament of Benjamin Lock

I Committ my soul to Almighty God and my Body to be buried in a Christian manner.

Further Item - I bequeath my land unto my beloved son John Lock and if my wife should bear another son which she is now with Child that my land may be equally divided between them.

further item: that my well beloved wife Merriam Lock may have her lifetime in my plantation.

further Item: I give unto my well beloved wife the third part of all my moveable estate and the rest to be divided amongst my children, to be equally divided when they come of age Like wise I do appoint my well beloved father Neil Beard and my well beloved brother John Lock to be my lawfull Executors for to manage all my affairs and discharge all my Law full and just debts.

Signed by me this 25 day of April 1756

Benjamin Lock

Thomas Thoms
Daniel Beard
his
Elizabeth Lock
mark

Proved in open Court January 1757, by the oath of Daniel Beard

Mrs. Robeson, C.C.