

Second I desire and it is my will that my wife Sarah shall have the whole of the land and the whole of the stock of all kinds and movable estate to be equally divided among my children Jonathan, William, Elizabeth and Sarah. To and amongst them and by them truly to be possessed and enjoyed.

Third I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Robeson, one third of all my movable estate after the education of my children or child of which she may choose during her natural life and at her death for to dispose of the same as she thinks proper amongst my children. And if she should make no disposal at her death in particular then to be equally divided amongst my children.

Fourth It is my will and desire that my wife live in the house and on the plantation where I now live so long as she remaineth a widow, and if she should marry it is my will and desire that she have her part of the land laid off to her during her life.

Fifth I give and bequeath all the real and remaining part of my estate lands, negroes, stock of all kinds and movable estate to be equally divided among my children Jonathan, William, Elizabeth and Sarah, to and amongst them and by them truly to be possessed and enjoyed.

Sixth I desire that in case any one of my children should die before they arrive at the age of twenty one years, & without being lawfully begotten that then and in that case their part of the estate to be equally divided amongst the rest of the surviving children both lands and movable estate.

Seventh I do hereby ordain and appoint my wife Mary Robeson to be Executrix while she remaineth a widow, but as soon as she should marry

to be deprived of acting and also I do appoint my son Jonathan and Executor to act when he arrives to the age of nineteen and also I do appoint my brother John Robeson, James Condit, Wm. J. and James Smith my lawful and whole Executors of this my last will and Testament.

I do hereby wholly disavow revoke and disannul all and every other former will and Testament and Express.

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

Given, Signed and Published in the presence of
Samuel Davis
Richard Singleton
James Singleton
Thomas Robeson Seal

In the Name of God "Amen"
I John Paul of Bladen County and state of North Carolina, being weak of body but of perfect strength of memory and calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say Principally and first of all.

I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried after a Christian manner at the discretion of my friends and Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly goods as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of in the following manner and form.

After all my just debts is paid I give and bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth one third part of the lands that I now live on, for her natural life.

and one third part of all my estate whatever it may consist of, and such children as I give some part of my interest to at their marriages I shall now leave them as much as will make their shares equal with the other children, which I have not till now given any to them.

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I give and bequeath to my daughter children the wife of Alexander Cherry and my daughter Charrie Williams, my daughter Mary my daughter Elizabeth my daughter Johna Cox, and Zephania and all my sons, and it is my will and desire, that my estate be equally divided amongst them as of my decease and after my wife has her third part taken out my land only I desire to be divided equally between my sons Isaac and Barnabas which contains in the whole four hundred and fifty acres my son Isaac to have 230 acres at the West and beginning at a gum which land I give and bequeath to the said Isaac his heirs and assigns forever.

And to my son Barnabas I give and bequeath the 230 at the east, and next to the white house, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

And considering that there is not negroes enough to let every heir have one after my will taken out her division it is my desire that the rest of my negroes be sold, and the money equally divided amongst all my children so as to make their parts equal, that I have before given some interest to be equal with the rest.

I do hereby authorize and appoint my friends wife Elizabeth my son Isaac my friend Britton Hargraves, to be my Executors to execute this my last will and Testament.

I do hereby revoke all other wills and do hereby confirm this to be my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have signed at my hand and seal this the thirteenth day of June Seventeen Eighty nine.

Witness Present, Jeremiah Bigford, John Chauncy, Sampson Chauncy, John Penell seal

In the Name of God. Amen

I Zephia Penell of Bladen County and State of North Carolina, being weak in body but of perfect sense and disposing memory and aware to mind that it is appointed for all flesh once to die, do make and contain this my last will and Testament in the following manner and form - viz -

First and principally of all I recommend my soul to almighty God who gave it, and as to my worldly goods that it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath as follows - viz -

At my decease I give and bequeath my third part of a negro man named Annis to my sister Mary Red Reins Executors Administrators or assigns forever, Likewise I give and bequeath to my sister Esther my riding saddle of my decess and all the rest of my estate both Real and Personal. I give and bequeath to my mother Elizabeth Penell during her natural life and after her decease I give and bequeath my negro girl named Dess, to my sister Eliza White, her heirs Executors Administrators or assigns forever.

And likewise I desire after my mothers decease that all my estate which is not already given away shall be equally divided amongst my other sisters and Brothers excepting Edith and Mary which I have left my negroes to.

I do hereby authorize and appoint my Brother Isaac and William Williamson to execute this my last will and Testament. I do hereby disavow all former wills or Testaments by me before made and do hereby declare this and this only for my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 11th day of March 1794

Signed sealed and delivered

in presence of us.

John Chauncy
James White

Zephia Penell seal