

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the name of God Amen
 North Carolina 3
 Bladen County 3 I will Beard of the
 County and province aforesaid. Planting
 being very weak of body but of perfect mind
 and memory thanks be given unto almighty
 God calling unto mind the mortality of
 my body and knowing that it is appointed
 for all men once to die do make and
 declare this to be my last will and
 Testament That is to say: Principally and
 first of all I give and recommend my
 soul unto the hand of almighty God and
 my body I recommend to the earth to be
 buried in a decent and christian burial
 at the discretion of my 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
 estate whereunto it has pleased God to bless
 me within this life I give demise and
 dispose of the same in the following man-
 ner and form.

I will and ordain that all my lawful
 debts and demands shall be paid by
 my Executors whom I shall hereafter appoint
 and these first of all I give and bequeath
 to Catherine Beard my well beloved wife
 my dwelling house and house hold with
 one third part of my plantation and one
 negro man during the time of her natural life
 and then to bequeath the property of my son
 James Beard by him to be possessed forever.

And I will that my son James Beard
 shall pay all my debts and lawful
 demands that shall be on my estate.

And I further give to James Beard one
 hundred and fifty acres of land lying
 on Hollingsworth Creek forming the said
 plantation and by him to be enjoyed for
 ever.

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And I give to my son John Beard one
 hundred acres of land on the Horsehoe
 between the Brown Marsh and the river by
 him to be enjoyed forever.

And I will that Catherine Moore my
 daughter shall have one cow and calf
 and the remaining part of my stock such
 as cattle, horses, sheep and all stock kind
 to be equally divided amongst my wife and
 my three sons Daniel, John Beard & James
 and I hereby appoint and ordain my two
 sons John & James Beard my sole Executors
 of this my last will and testament. And I do
 hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul
 all and every other former wills legacies
 bequests and Executors by me in anywise
 before named will and bequeathed ratifying
 and confirming this and no other to be my
 last will & Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand and seal this the 17th day of
 February in the year of our Lord one thousand
 seven hundred and seven.

Signed sealed and
 declared in the
 presence of us
 Andrew Graham
 John ^{his} _{man} ^{will}

Will Beard (Seal)

In the name of God Amen.
 The twelfth day of March one thousand
 seven hundred and seventy nine.
 I Joseph Cooper of the County of Bladen
 and State of North Carolina being very
 sick and weak in body but of perfect