

165 In the Name of God amen I Henry Phipps of Swain  
County State of North Carolina, Being very low and weak in  
Body but of sound and perfect Mind & memory do make  
and declare this my last will and Testament in & through Form following

**Imprimis** I leave and Bequeath to my Wellbelov'd wife  
our Dark Brown & near four years old, Two Cows and calves  
all my Hogs and Suck, one Feather bed and furniture, with  
the Chairs that in my House, one Iron Pot and the half  
of my Bedstead with all the Provision that in my house  
and all of every kind made on the plantation whereon I live  
to have and to hold for ever, and I do hereby appoint &  
ordain my Loving wife whole & sole Executrix of this my  
last will and Testament, and do revoke and Disannull all  
Other Will or Wills whatsoever in Witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand & Seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1781

Signed Seal'd & Declared  
in the presence of  
James Cross (Judge)  
John Jeph. (Clerk)  
Franklin Jeph.  
witness

Henry Phipps  
his Seal

Sept. Court 1781

The Execution of the above will was duly proved in  
Open Court by the Oaths of J. Cross & John Jeph. Clerk  
of the Subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded

Test R. Murphy

In the Name of God amen, I John Lee of the State of N.C.  
Carolina, Being in a low State of Health but of sound mind  
& memory & understanding, (sitting to mind the uncertain State  
of this Transitory life & that all Rich must yield to Death  
when it shall please God to call, do therefore make constitute  
and Appoint this my last will & Testament known other  
Wills, I think that all Just and Lawfull Debts that I owe to any  
Person or Persons be Truly Paid as soon as conveniently they can  
after my Decease by my Executors hereafter mentioned

Item, I give to my Son Elliot Lee, one Negro Boy named Jack  
which is now in his Possession, and also the sum of Twenty  
five Pounds, viz. Money, to him his heirs & assigns forever

Item, I give to my Son Edmond Lee, Two Hundred & Twenty Eight  
Acres of Land on both Sides of St. Kees, Including the plantation  
whereon he now lives as described and set forth in the plan  
No 1. and also one Negro Girl named Lucy, to him his heirs  
for ever

Item, I give to my Son James Lee Two Hundred and Forty two acres  
of land on both Sides of Richland Creek, Including the plantation  
whereon I now live and Including the grist mill as described  
and set forth in the plan No 2. and also one Negro boy named  
Thomas, and one young mare and saddle, and one Rifle gun (which  
gun blade is now in his Possession) to him his heirs & assigns forever

Item, I give to my Son Owen Lee Two Hundred and forty <sup>two</sup> acres of Land  
on both sides of St. Kees, Including the field I now attend as set  
forth and described in the plan No 3, and also one Negro woman  
named Jenny, also one young mare and saddle and one Rifle  
gun now in his Possession to him his heirs & assigns forever

Item, I give to my Daughter Phoebe Lee one Hundred thirty one acres of  
Land on both sides of Kees, Including the plantation I now have of four  
Acres set forth and described in the plan No 4, also one Negro woman  
named Chloa, one Feather Bed and furniture, one Mare Saddle  
Together with four Head of Cattle, one Bra Iron, one Linen wheel  
and Reel, two Saws & Hammers and one Chalk which Cattle &c. are now  
in her Possession) to her her heirs and assigns for ever, Provided also  
that the said Phoebe take into her care and keeping her sister Abigail  
that for her Support. the said Phoebe further receive one Negro woman  
(the one other Bed and furniture &c. &c. & also a Suckling

I Give to my Daughter Betty Lea four Hundred acres of Land on  
 both Sides of S. Nica, Including the Plantation I purchased of Zephaniah  
 Lea which land is yet to be seen and I Give my Executors to raise money  
 out of my Estate to clear the Same out of the Office, which I desire to be  
 took out in her own name, Together with one Negro Girl named Sarah  
 also about the Red Mountain to be, her own property for ever —  
 Also, I further desire that the remainder of my Estate be equally divided  
 amongst all my children, Provided Nevertheless that if any of my Children  
 dies unmarried that then their part be equally divided amongst the rest  
 but if a Married and no Wife that then the surviving wife or husband  
 retain one third part of their portion & the other two parts to be  
 Divided as before, Except a Millar parts which on her Death I Desire  
 that she retain and keep during the time she continues single  
 but on her Marriage or her Death, then the said Part & the two  
 cows if in life with the said be equally Divided amongst the  
 Surviving Children

I further Desire that each of the Children on a Marriage receive the part  
 to them Demised and that the other Part be not Divided till seven  
 Comes of Age of Twenty one years, Also that if any of the Heirs or  
 Negroes Dies before the Party receive them into their possession that  
 then the full value of the things so dying be made in money out of  
 the Estate and given to the Party losing the same, I Desire the land  
 be Sold on which Robert Mitchell lives and a Deed made to him or  
 his Heirs, or order for Two Hundred and forty five acres as in a plat  
 No. 7. Colon of all charge & the remainder to be conveyed to William  
 Lea & John Lea Sons according to the plan N. C. on their paying  
 for the Same according to Contract & not else

I do hereby constitute ordain and appoint my Trusty & Well beloved friends  
 Andrew Leadell Esq. John Lea & Robert Lea Executors of this my last will  
 and Testament to take into their hands every part of my Estate not  
 already Comitted to the Charge of the Same as to them seemeth best  
 for my Childrens profit

Witness present  $\{$  John Bradsher  
 John Kerley  
 William Lea (son)  
 No. 7. Colon now in my custody is the property of my Daughter Betty  
 whether she is to receive her Inheritance or Lea

Sept. the Court 1781  
 The Execution of the above Will was proved in open Court by the  
 oath of William Lea one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto & was  
 ordered to be recorded  
 Test R. C. Murphy Secy

108) In the Name of God amen, George Rainey  
 Being in peaceful Sense and a Man of sound Mind  
 06.31 this my last will & Testament, I Give

Item, my will & Desire is that my Mary Rainey possess  
 all my Estate during her life, and after her Decease  
 that the Land be Equally Divided between my Trustees  
 William George Rainey, As to the remainder of  
 my Estate my Will is that it be Equally Divided  
 amongst my Children hereafter named That is to say  
 Eliza, Mary, Sarah, Nancy, William George Rainey  
 It is Remembered that I have Given to my Two Children  
 John & Martha their full Portion of my Estate  
 for which reason I have no part of what is now remain-  
 ing —

Item, my Will is that my Well beloved Wife Mary  
 be her Executor of this my last  
 Will & Testament Given under my Hand this 17th  
 Day of Feb. 1779  
 George Rainey  
 Test, Thomas Rice (son),  
 & Thomas Denton

Sept. Court, 1781  
 The Execution of the above Will was proved in  
 open Court by the oath of Thomas Rice one of the  
 Witnesses thereto & was ordered to be recorded  
 Test R. C. Murphy Secy