

may have sufficient education given and
 the expense to be payed out of their own share but
 for themselves Lastly I do appoint my Friends Felix Kewan
 William Gooden. and George Smith Exrs of this my last will
 and testament hereby revoking all former and other wills by me
 made and confirming this and only this to be my last will and
 sealed witnessed and in the presence of ^{my}
 James ^{his} ~~son~~ ^{Daunt} William Darns

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In the Name of God Amen the twenty fifth day of August
 one thousand seven hundred and sixty four I Joseph Burch of
 Duplin and former of North Carolina Planting my sick & weak
 in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to almighty
 God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and
 knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make
 and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say. Prin-
 cipally and first of all ^{I give} and recommend I give my soul in
 the hands of God who gave it and my body I recommend to the
 earth to be buried in a decent Christian like burial at the di-
 scretion of my Exrs nothing doubting. But at the general
 resurrection I shall receive the same again by the power of
 God and as touching such worldly estate herewith it hath
 pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the
 same as following manner & form. First of all. my will is that
 a certain tract of land lying in the County & former of Duplin
 on the head of Bear marsh containing two hundred acres that now
 belongs to me to be sold by the Exrs according to their best judgement
 and the money conveyed or so much of the same to the use of
 paying my respective debts and the rest of the one plus if any to be
 put to the rest of my estate to be disposed as I shall ^{to} further ^{other}
 my last will and testament furthermore I give and bequeath to
 Ann to my dear and beloved wife all other of my lands house-
 hold goods and creatures of every kind as I am possessed with
 or do own with all the privileges to the same belonging for her
 to possess and enjoy during her life time and after her decease
 my will further is that estate to be equally divided amongst
 my dear beloved children Charles Burch. Annamity Burch
 Richard Burch Joseph Burch John Burch Christopher Burch

Joseph
Burch

and Benjamin Bursh or so many of them As I shall be lying
 at the present time excepting my land which I now live on and that
 to be valued by three free holders & that I give to my son Charles
 Bursh and he buying the rest of my children according to the
 value of the land an equal part and I do hereby utterly
 disallow revoke and disannul all others and other false
 wills & legacies and bequests. Ratifying and confirming this &
 no other to be my last will and testament and do choose
 Uniah Blanchard John Gibbs to be my Exrs in witness my
 hand and seal this day and year above mentioned Signed sealed
 and delivered in presence of us Uniah Blanchard, John Gibbs
 Nathaniel Dale Joseph J Bursh Seal

Duplin County-

May 17th 1861

Proved in Court the 12th May 1861 by the oath of
 John Garbrough. Registered in the Registration Office in
 Duplin County in Lib^{ry} C. Folio 127 by me John Deason Reg^r
 In the name of God this fifth day of July in the year of our Lord
 one thousand eight hundred and sixty one I John Bird
 of Duplin County being very sick & weak in body but in perfect
 mind & memory thanks be given to God. Therefore calling to mind the
 mortality of my body and knowing that it appertaineth for all men even
 to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is
 to say principally and first of all I give & recommend my soul to
 the mercy the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend to
 the earth to be buried in a Christian-like manner at the discretion
 of my Exrs nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall
 have the same again by the mighty power of God restoring worldly
 estate herewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life. I give devise
 & bequeath the same in manner & form by Imp^{ro}vis I give and bequeath
 twenty belov'd sons John Bird one hundred acres of land with
 the plantation whereon I now live and an negro boy named Pats are
 one cow and yearling and one horse colt name major to him and his
 heirs for ever. I give to my well belov'd son Michael Bird one
 negro girl name Fyler and one cow and yearling and one
 rifle gun and a mare colt name munch to him and his
 heirs for ever I give to my well belov'd daughter Betthiah
 Bird one mulatto girl name cleve one then cows and

John
 Bird