

1. In the name of god Amen I Joseph Whitehead of the County of Halifax and province of North Carolina Being Sick in body but of perfect sound mind and memory and Calling to mind the Uncertain Estate of this mortal Life and knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to Die do make and Ordain This my last will and Testament and First of all I recommend my soul in to the hands of god that gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried In a Christian Like and Decent manner at the Discretion of my Ex^{ors} here after Named to Appoint and as Touching Such worldly Estate I give Devise And Dispose of the same in the following manner and form

I Item: I lend to my well Beloved Wife thereby Whitehead my whole Land and Living Except Two Morpes one for John Whitehead and the other for Tobias Whitehead his Brother at the age of Twenty years old to be Delivered To them and all and Every other part to my wife untill the youngest child Shall arrive to the age of Twenty and one if a Boy and if a girl at the age of Eighteen. I Like wise give to my Daughter Martha Whitehead one Bed and furniture at the age of Eighteen years old and Likewise I give To my Daughter Elizabeth abed and furniture at the age of Eighteen - I Item: I give to my Daughter Martha Whitehead at the age of Eighteen one Negroe Bench named Beck to be Delivered to her at the age of Eighteen. I Like wise give to my Daughter Elizabeth Whitehead and the child that my Wife now goes with one Negro Girl and two Acres to be Equally Divided between them at the age of Eighteen.

Divide between them at the age of eighteen years into the Negro John
Raven & Company. It is also my will and Desire that when the Negro John
Bellevue shall come of age that my whole Living shall be Equally
Divided between him and my Wife thereby only my Land, I like some good
My son John One hundred acres of Land Laying in Section No. 1
Like also give to my son Elias Whitehead all my Land Laying on Big
Creek. I also appoint W^m Whitehead W^m Brantley and Arthur Whitehead
my Executors to this my last will and Testament and in witness hereof I
have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of February 1781 Signed
Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us Joseph Whitehead

John Raven Sen.
W^m Brantley
J^r Brantley

Notary County at a November Court 1781. Then the Aforesaid
Will was read in Open Court by the Bath of Jesse Hagner Esq.
By whom two of the subscribing Witnesses were who in their Oath
that they saw Joseph Whitehead the Testator Sign Seal Publish & Deliver
this Instrument of writing to be his last will & Testament and that at the
time of signing the same he was to the best of their knowledge & belief of
sound mind & memory the Executors refusing to take any other