

Testament this 10th day of May One Thousand
Seven Hundred Eighty Eight, 1788.
Signed and Sealed in
presence of John Bowman, James Haynes
Robert Scott
John Haynes, Jurat.

In the Name of God. Amen. I
Samuel Harris of Bechtell County in the
State of North Carolina being in perfect health,
and sound in the exercise of my Reason and Judgment,
calling to mind the mortality of my Body I do hereby
constitute and appoint this my Last Will and Testament;
hereby I do revoke, make void and disannul all
former Wills and Testaments made by me—
I give and bequeath I commit my Soul to God,
who gave it. I commit my Body to the
Earth, to be decently interred. I bequeath
to my dear Wife Mary and her Three Children
— by me, viz. Hester, Eli and Lydia all the
Estate I have and possess to be equally divided
amongst them. I bequeath to my
Three Children, viz. Eli, Hester and Lydia, One
Thousand Acres of Land which I entered in
partnership with Robert Harris (Deft) and
Amstrongs Office, the same Land being entered
in said Robert Harris's name, and for which I
have his Bond to make me a Deed of Conveyance.
I bequeath to my Seven Children,
viz. James Harris, William Harris, Andrew
Harris, Rebecca Provence, Martha Sloan,
Samuel Harris and Pamela Harris, all
the Land I hold on the Northern Waters in the

vided, they paying any cost, that may arise from holding
said Land after the date hereof. I Herin bequeath
to my Son Samuel, Thirty Bundles North Carolina
Currency. I Herin bequeath to my Daughter
Pamela Ten Bundles North Carolina Currency,
the said sums to be raised off my personal Estate, and
what is over and above or remains of my Estate after the
above Legacies are paid off, together with these legacies
bequeathed to my three Children, viz. John, Eli and
Sydia, shall remain in my dear Wife's hand, and be
under her care, management and direction during her
lifetime or widowhood or until my Children, viz.
John, Eli, and Sydia shall arrive at the Years of
majority. But at the same time that each of them
comes to the age of Twenty One Years they shall receive
their parts bequeathed to them, viz. Daughter Sydia
shall marry before that time, she shall receive her part
at her marriage, her young man's life shall think proper
to give to my Wife, or is entitled to receive their
parts before that at her marriage, she shall receive
her part of the personal Estate that shall be
under her hand at her death, to be let her
young man in her possession. I Herin bequeath
to my Son John, that his own portion of my
personal Estate shall be sold and equally
divided amongst all my Children. But whereas the
said wife I have bequeathed to my three young
people, I order that if the said Land be lost and is
not able for their use, that they shall have the
right of Land from the amount of the said
bequeathing it in place of the Tract. I have
bequeathed them, and come into possession of said
Land, my dear Wife's Marriage will be so long
continued that it shall be equally good, and if my dear
Wife should die before a part of the said Land, or if
of the said Land be given by accident, John, Eli, and
Sydia shall die before they can receive their parts,

then and in that case the part bequeathed to those deceased
 shall fall to and become the property of the Survivors or
 Survivor, and if my dear Wife should prove pregnant
 and be delivered of a Child by me, said Child being
 born, shall have an equal Share with my dear Wife
 Abner Eli and Lydia of what is above bequeathed to
 them; I likewise constitute and appoint my
 dear Wife Mary, Thomas C. Morrisson, William
 Watts (Miller) and Abraham Hill Executors
 of this my last Will and Testament. And I
 do hereby authorize and empower my Executors
 to give Bonds of Suretyance for any Lands sold by
 virtue of this my last Will and Testament, and
 likewise for any Lands I have or may sell during
 my life & be agreeable to my Obligation. In
 Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
 seal this Twenty Third day of March in the Year
 of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred &
 Eighty Six

Signed, sealed and Delivered in presence of
 Robert Moore, William Morrisson,
 Margaret G. Wilson, Jeanet Wilson

In the Name of God, Amen. I
 Mary Holmes being sick and weak in Body and
 sound Mind and Memory, do solemnly declare this my
 last Will and Testament, Making void all other Wills and
 Testaments by me heretofore made, vizt I give to my
 Daughter Elizabeth Anderson a Feather Bed and
 Trunk, I give to my Son Robert Holmes a
 Suit of Cloths, I give to my Son James Holmes a
 Suit of Cloths, I give to my Son Albert Holmes a
 Feather Bed and Trunk, I give to my Son
 Holmes a Suit of Cloths, I give to my Son
 Holmes all the rest of my Estate of what kind
 my just debts, for which I am bound.