

In the name of God Amen I William Forrest being at present in health blessed be God I do make this my last Will and Testament as follows. To wit. I give to my son Shadrach one Dollar then to my son Gresham all the Land lying in the Fork to my son Joel all the Land above the Spring branch on the North side of Rebeers Creek the plantation where I live and all the Land on the South side of Rebeers of the said Fork I give to my son William To my loving Wife Lovisa I give one Negro Boy named Abram and all the rest of my Estate I give to her during her life or widowhood. To my son Sipe I leave a maintenance out of the said Estate according to the Convention of my Wife with the approbation of the Justices and at her decease to be equally divided amongst my three children of her body unto which I constitute & appoint Edward Gresham & Archer & my beloved Wife Lovisa Executors of this my last Will and Testament and Trustees for my Children In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand Seal this Eighth day of August in the year 1777

Edward Gresham Junr
Isaac Forrest

William Forrest

Orange County, August Court 1778. The Execution of the above Will was only proved in open Court by the Oaths of Edward Gresham Junr & Isaac Forrest the subscribing Witnesses thereto, and Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste J. P. Rochester Clk

In the name of God Amen. I Martin Lay of Orange County being very sick & weak, but in perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for calling unto me the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and devise this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally I give & recommend my soul into the Hand of allmighty God that give it, & my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian burial at the Convention of my Executors, nothing doubting at the general Resurrection I shall revive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form that is to say, first of all I recommend to my Executors to pay my Debts out of my Estate, and to my Daughter Mary I give and devise two Cows & Calf, and to my beloved Wife Catharine I give all my moveable Estate during her widowhood and to her on the place and after her decease the same and plantation belongs to my son Henry Lay, and also I give to my son George Lay one Acre of Land lying his land on the South corner and wherewith

constitute

constitute make and devise Jacob Allbright and George Lay my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand Seal this 15th day of July 1777

done sealed & delivered
in the presence of us

John
Henry Garburt
Isaac Sharp
Mark

John
Martin & Lay
Mark

Orange County, May Court 1779

The Execution of the above Will was only proved in open Court by the Oaths of Henry Garburt & Isaac Sharp the subscribing Witnesses thereto & Ordered to be Recorded

Teste

J. P. Rochester Clk

I Jacob Lay of the County of Orange and State of North Carolina, do make and devise this my last Will and Testament as follows to wit.

I will that all my just Debts may be paid, as speedily as may be, by my Executors & Executors hereafter named. I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife, Joanna Lay one third part of all my stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Quarters ready money and of every other thing belonging to me not herein set forth. I give to my child with which my wife is now pregnant the other two thirds of all my property as above described vizt Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Quarters ready money and every other article that I have a just claim to not here enumerated, and it is my Will that the Legacy bequeathed to my child, as aforesaid, be disposed of to the best advantage, and the money arising therefrom to be lent out upon interest by my said Executors & Executors until the child arrive at the age of twenty one years or until it's marriage and if the said child should happen to be a son my Will is, that my Estate should be reserved for his use, but if it should happen to be a Daughter, then and in that case, I will that my wearing apparel be divided amongst my Brothers or the survivors of them, and provided the child should not be born alive or die before it is out of the womb, in either case it is my Will, and I do hereby give and bequeath and the half of the legacy to bequeathed to the child as above to my said Wife, Joanna Lay and the same, as well as the one third part of my Estate bequeathed to her as above to be at her own disposal only, the other half of the legacy bequeathed to the child as aforesaid if it should not live to come of age I give to my Brothers or the survivors of them share and share alike; I nominate and appoint my beloved

Wife