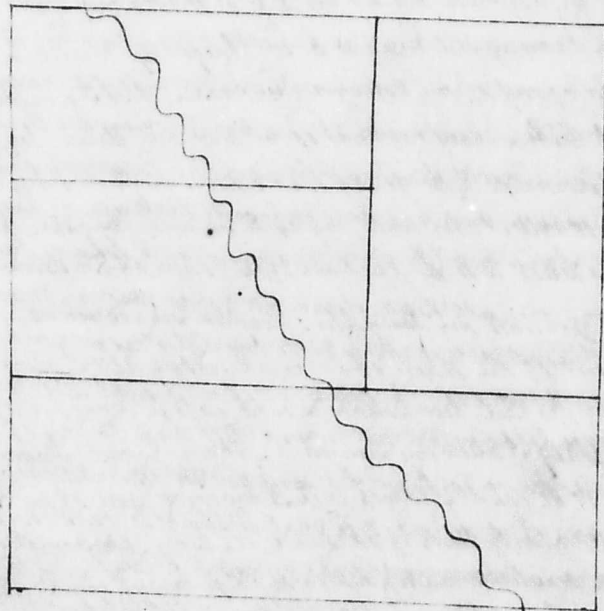


70 1772 In the Name of God Amen: *John Lowrance*, of *Rowan County*,
 No. 88 in the Province of North Carolina being then the aged and feeble
 and being of good Memory, get of sound & perfect Understanding
 and Memory do this twenty fourth Day of August in the Year of our
 Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy two make & constitute this
 my last Will & Testament, in Manner & Form following: To wit first of
 all: I most humbly bequeath my Soul to God my Maker; beseeching his
 most gracious Acceptance of it through the all-sufficient Merits &
 Mediation of my Redeemer Jesus Christ, and my Body to the Earth from
 whence it came to be buried, in a decent & Christian Manner at the
 Disposition of my dear Wife, & my Executors hereafter named in Hope
 of a joyful Resurrection through the Merits of my ever living Re-
 deemer Jesus Christ; and as to my worldly Estate which God has
 blessed me with: I will and positively order that all my lawfull Debts
 be paid, I also will & bequeath to my dear & loving Wife one
 third of my moveable Estate I also will & order that my Negro woman
 named *Finnah* be not sold with my other moveables but that
 she stay with & be under the Command of my loving Wife during her
 Widowhood, likewise that my beloved Wife have the use of my plan-
 tation & this House wherein I now dwell for the Maintenance of her &
 my Children & if my beloved Wife shall be pleased to have a second Hus-
 band if then the abovesaid Negro Woman to be sold, ^{at her Service} and the money
 divided as of my other moveables & my House & plantation then also to be
 let or rented for the Use & Benefit of my Children by my Executors
 hereon after mentioned. I also will & order that my Land be equal-
 ly divided to my Children by my Executors according to the
 Place which I have drawn on the back of this Paper. And I
 do make constitute & constitute and appoint my well beloved Bro-
 ther in law John Perkins & my well beloved Brother Jack Lowrance
 to be my whole & sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament dis-
 allowing disannulling & making void all other Wills & Wills by me
 heretofore made ratifying and confirming this my last

Will and Testament Murthering whereof I have hereto set my Hand & Seal
 this Day & Year above written. —
 Signed sealed & delivered by the Testator
 in the Presence of us,
Joseph Lowrance
Jacob Fulkrite
David Lowrance

Attest Between the twenty & twenty first Lines are these Words entailed
 and her Executives before signing & sealing: —



Plan referred to

1772 In the Name of God Amen. I Robert Luckie, of the County of Rowan,
 No. 88 being very weak in Body but of perfect Mind & Memory Thanks be
 given unto God; calling unto Mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing
 that it is appointed for all Men once to Die, do make & ordain this
 my last Will & Testament: that is to say principally & first of
 all I give & recommend my Soul into the Hand of almighty God who
 gave it, & my Body I recommend to the Earth, to be buried in decent
 Christian Burial, at the Discretion of my Executors, Notwith-