

In the name of God Amen I Henry Ward of the
County of Amelia being sick and weak in Body but of a
disposing mind Good Memory Do make & Publish
my last Will and Testament in manner & form following
to wit First I give devise and bequeath to my Son
Benjamin one equal half part of my lands common-
ly called Wards fork lying in Charlotte County the
said Land to be divided and my said Son Benjamin
to take which half he pleases to hold to him his Heirs &
Assigns forever I also give to my said Son Benjamin
The Ten following Slaves to wit, Joe, Will, Jack, Pompey
Tom, Charles, Robin, Dinah, Lett and Doll to him & his
Heirs forever. Secondly I give devise and bequeath to my
Son Henry the remaining half part of my Wards Fork
Land to him and his Heirs forever I also give to my
said Son Ten Negroes to wit, Gloster, Field, John Little
Sami, Bep, Biddy, Sam, Frank Son of Anny to him &
his Heirs. Thirdly I give to my Daughters five hundred
Pounds current Money each also to each of them I give

son Henry the remaining half part of my Lands both
Land to him and his Heirs forever I also give to my
said Son Ten Negroes to wit, Glover, Field, John Little
Sam Bep, Biddy, Sam, Frank Son of ^{Simon & Anthony} Anny to him &
his Heirs. Thirdly I give to my Daughters two hundred
Pounds current Money each also to each of them I give
a Negro Girl to wit, to Prudence, Jude & her Increase, to
Ann Anny & her Increase and to Sally Martha & her
Increase to them my said Daughters respectively and
their Heirs also I give to each a Forge & Saddle It is
also my Will that my Tract of Land lying on Butchers
Creek in ^{County} Mecklinburgh be sold by my Executors & for
that intent I give them the said Land to them & their
Heirs and the Money arising by the sale of the said Land
together with the ready Money I may leave and the
Debts of every kind due to me I desire may be applied
towards paying off my Daughters portions aforesaid
But if thro' the scarcity of Money or by any other
means

means it shall not be in the power of my Executors
to raise the several sums aforesaid for payment of
my Daughters then it shall be in their power to
pay them of in Slaves and in that Case I give each
of my said Daughters Ten Negroes in lieu of their
legacy of five hundred Pounds each aforesaid that
the said Slaves be allotted each by my Executors in
the most just manner and if any dispute should at
any time happen between any of my Children about
dividing my Slaves or any other part of my Estate I de-
sire that it may be wholly & solely determined by
my Executors Benjamin Ward for ^{my} Rowland
Ward my Brothers.

Fourthly I give to my loving Wife all the Slaves now
on this plantation not already disposed of, Viz. Boatman
Aniky, Murree Ilce Tony, Nell, Hannah, Aggy old &c
Murree &c to her my said Wife I give the use of the
said Slaves during her life only. and that she have the
Land whereon I now live during her life and after her
decease I give the same to ^{be} equally divided
between them and their Heirs forever.

It is my Will that my Executors shall

decease I give the same to my sons to ^{be} equally divided
between them and their Heirs forever.

Fifthly It is my Will That the Land I purchased
of Col. Ruffin, for which I have not yet got a Deed, be
equally divided between my sons and I give the same to
~~them & their Heirs forever~~ And I do give to my son Ben
all my stocks of every kind now being on my Planta-
tional Wards Fork and the rest I desire may be kept
for the support of my Family except my son Bens
Horse which he now has in Possession.

Lastly I appoint my Brothers Benjamin & Rowland
& my son Benjamin Executors of this my Will
I also give my Daughters each a Feather Bed & furniture
I also give my son Henry Thirty head of Neat Cattle
more or less Horses Fifty head of Hogs a Collar Butchers
Creek a black one which came of my Black mare
Also I give him a Bay mare & Collar all the above
stock being now at Butchers Creek. In Witness

whereof I have herunto set my hand & seal this four
teenth Day of April 1765.

Signed sealed & published

in the Presence of —

J^r Peachy Tho: Soury

Rolfe Eldridge

Kenny Warp

At a Court held for Amelia County the 23^d Day of
May 1765. This Will was proved by the oath of Thomas
Soury and Rolfe Eldridge two of the Witnesses thereto
sworn to by the Executors therein named and ordered
to be Recorded and on the motion of the said Executors
who entered into and acknowledged Bond with
Tom Branch Willson Thomas & Daniel Jones their
Security as the law direct certificate was granted
them for obtaining a probate in due form

Teste J^r Peachy & C^lrk

The sale of the Estate of Marlow Dudley decd March 15th 1764