

Thomas Preston In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Preston
Will of Brunswick County being in good health and of sound mind and
Memory Thanks be to my blessed God for the same, but calling to mind that
it is appointed of God for man once to die, do make and ordain this
my last will and Testament and first of all I gave my soul to God that
gave it me hoping for the resurrection to Eternal life and my body to the
dust from whence it came to be buried in such decent manner as
my Executors here after mentioned shall think fit, and as for my worldly
Estate that God has been Pleased to bestow on me I gave and bequeath
as in manner and forme following Item my desire is that my
Just debts be first paid, Item I gave and bequeath unto my son
William Preston my money scales to him and his heirs for ever
Item I gave and bequeath unto my Daughter Anna Dunkin five shilling
to her and heirs for ever. Item I gave and bequeath unto my daughter
Martha Betley five shilling to her and her heirs for ever
Item I gave and bequeath unto my son Thomas Preston fifty acres
of Land lying on the North side of the Road to him and his heirs for ever
Item I gave and bequeath unto my son Weatherington Preston
five shilling to him and his heirs for ever. Item I lend unto my
beloved wife Mary Preston all the rest of my Estate both
Land and personal that I have not mentioned during of her
life and after her death I gave it equally to be divided between
my son Joshua Preston and my son James Preston and daughter
Mary Preston to them and their heirs for ever and lastly I do
appoint my son Joshua Preston my son James Preston to this
my last will and Testament, in Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this Fifth day of September In the year
of our Lords one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven —
this testifying all other Wills

Brunswick over the top line interline
him with his true person of Tho: Preston
legally witnessed before signed
signed sealed and delivered in presence
of us

Wm. B. B. B.

Thomas Preston (seal)
mark

Brunswick County Court September 24th 1798
 This last Will and Testament of Thomas Preston dec'd was proved
 by the Oaths of Charles Collier jr. and Theophilus Harrison witnesses
 thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of James Preston
 one of the Exors. therein named he having made Oath thereto according
 to law and together with Charles Collier jr. and Myhill Collier
 his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penal-
 ty of Three thousand Dollars with Condition as the law directs
 certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due
 form liberty being reserved the other Exors. to join in the probate
 when he thinks fit
 Em'd
 Jests
 Herbert Hill Ck.

Act Court
 of the Est.
 of John Simms and
 Dec'd In act court with The Estate of the said Dec'd

1792	To amount of sales of this Date	£	35	11	6
	" Ints on Ditto to this date				
1796	To amount of sales of this date		9	14	2
Jan'y 22	" Ints on Ditto to this date		15	17	7
			3	7	10
			118	15	7

Contra

1790	By cash p'd Jas. Fletcher comr. for charging John Simms with 9 Acres of Land & 1/2 Ticket	£ 5 "			
	" Int on Ditto				
1791	" Ditto p'd Ditto for charging 83 acres of Land		1	9	
	" Int. on Ditto		2	6	
1790	" Ditto Tap on Deed from Edwards & wife p. Ticket		"	"	9
	" Int. on Ditto		8	"	
1791	" Ditto Ditto Edwards & wife p. Ticket 100 Solaceo		2	10	
	" Int. on Ditto		12	6	
Jan'y	" Ditto p'd Daniel Harrison		3	9	
	" Int. on Ditto		10	6	
15	" Ditto p'd William Mason as pr next		3	1 1/2	
	" Int. on Ditto		9	10	2
May 25	" Ditto p'd Ditto		2	17	