

in presence of

Warren Walker senr.

Andrew Nelson.

At a court held for Cumberland county 23rd September 1782.

This last will and testament of George Chambers deceased was exhibited in court by
Hacon the executor therein named proved by the witnesses thereto and ordered to be read
and the said executor refusing to take upon himself the burden and execution thereof
the motion of Meller Woodson who on an oath according to law certifies is granted
for obtaining letters of administration of the estate of the said deceased with the same
assigned in the form he bearing with Edmund Pearce his security entered into bond
according to law.

remained

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I John Verneth of Cumberland county being of perfect mind and memory and calling
to mind the uncertainty of this life do make, order, constitute and appoint this my
will and testament revoking all others, and I say my will and desire is that my
debts be paid.

1st By I leave unto my well beloved wife Elizabeth Verneth during her widowhood the
land and plantation that I now live on but in case my beloved wife should marry
then it is my will and desire that the land and plantation said to be left shall
be kept at the discretion of my executors for the maintenance of my children till my

son Abram Venable should arrive to lawful age or marriage.
I give and bequeath to my son Abram Venable after my wife's decease or marriage,
the land and plantation that was said to be lent to my well beloved wife (unless the child
that my wife is now pregnant with should be a son and arrives to lawful age or mar-
riage) in that case my desire is that the land and plantation should be equally divided
between the child and my son Abram Venable share and share alike to them & their
heirs I give it forever. But if either should depart this life before he arrives to lawful
age or marriage then it is my desire that he that survives should possess the whole
he and his heirs forever but if both should depart this life before they arrive to lawful
age or marriage then it is my desire that the land shall go to my daughter or daughter
that is then surviving forever.

I give and bequeath to daughter Martha Venable one feather bed and furniture and my
will and desire is that if the child that my wife is now pregnant with should be
daughter it is my desire she should have a feather bed & furniture.

I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife one negro named Lucy and her increase
with all the rest of my estate be it of what nature or quality soever I give it to
her and her heirs forever. And I do constitute and appoint my friends Joseph
Michaux, Charles Allen & Saml Venable executors of this my last will and
testament revoking all others. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal this 6th day of May 1782.

read and sealed in the presence of us

Abram Venable

Micajah Anderson

Jacob Venable

John Venable

This last will and testament of John Venable deceased has exhibited in court
Joseph Michaux Charles Allen and Samuel Venable the executors thereof
pursued by Micajah Anderson and Jacob Venable two of the witnesses thereto
ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said executors who were sworn
doing to less certificate is granted them for obtaining a probet thereof in due form
they having with John Holman Stephen Woodron Richard Allen and George
Allen their securities entered into bond according to law.

Examined

Test Geo. Harrington Clk

Agreeable to an order court bearing date the 24th September 1782. The subscribers
being sworn have appraised the estate of Thomas Henry dec'd in current
money.

One cow L. 3 — 1 heifer L. 1

L. 4. 0. 0

1 feather bed L. 1. 5 — 1 yearling L. 1

2. 5. 0

L. 6. 5. 0

Given under our hands this 16 day of October 1782.

James Brown

William Brown

John Minter

At a court held for Cumberland county 28th October 1782. This appraisement

of the estate of Thomas Henry deceased was returned and ordered to be recorded.

Examined

Test Geo. Harrington Clk