

In the name of God amen I John Bass of the County of
Mecklenburg and parish of Saint James being weak in body
but of perfect mind and memory thank be to God calling to
mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed
for all man once to die do make and ordain this my last will
and testament that in to say principally and first of all
I give and recommend my soul at the hand of almighty
God that gave it and my body I commend to the earth
to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion
of my executors nothing doubting but at the general
resurrection I will receive the same again by the mighty
power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith
at his pleasure God to bless me in this life I give devise &
bequeath of the same in the following manner and form

First I give to my son James Beavill one shilling
sterling Also I give to my son William Beavill one shilling
sterling Also I give to my son Joseph Beavill one shilling
sterling to him and each of my above mentioned sons to
them and their heirs forever Also I give to my grandson
Lebanah Beavill one shilling sterling to him and his

I give to my son Edward Beavill one
negro woman named Cherry and a negro boy named Peter
him and his increase to him and his heirs forever.

I give to my daughter Frances Bagdale one
negro woman named Begg she and her increase to her and her
heirs forever.

I give my grand daughter Frances Bagdale one
negro boy named Lewis to her and her heirs forever.

I give to my grand daughter Anne Bagdale one
parcel of land and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

I give to my daughter Frances Bagdale all my wearing
clothes to her and her heirs forever.

I give to my son Edward Beavill all the rest of my
estate not above mentioned and further it is my desire
that my estate may not be appraised and further I do desire
and make my son Edward Beavill the executor of this my
last will and testament and he hereby attests and
confirms and does and all and every other former testaments and
wills by me made and by me or my wife before me
made and by me made and by me confirmed this

then to my last will and testament In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of December
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
seventy seven

signed sealed and delivered in
the presence of us who have
hereunto subscribed our names

Alfred X Ball
mark

John Beall
Abraham Barton
Elizabeth G. Beall
mark

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 8 day of March 1779
then well was proved by the oath of John Beall and Abraham
Barton Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and at
a Court held for the said County the 10 day of May 1779 on the
motion of Edward Beall the executor therein named ^{who} ~~with~~
thereto went together with William Little Greene his
cousin entered into and acknowledged the same in the
presence of four then and present conditioned as the said
Certificate was granted him for obtaining a probat of the
last will and testament of the said

