

Teste
John Brown D. Sur.

10:11
In the name of God Amen I John Parish of Mecklenburg County
being of perfect sense and memory thanks be to almighty God for
it being and knowing the certainty of death do ordain and make
this my last will and Testament in manner and form follow-
-ing I infinitely I commit my soul into the hands of almighty
God who gave it and I have trusting in the name and merits
of crucified Jesus to receive full pardon for all my sins past
and my body to be buried at my executors herebefore named
named I shall think fit and what it hath Pleased God
to bestow upon after my Just debts is paid and wit. Also
I give to my loving wife Elizabeth Parish one negro man and
bury the plantation with fifty acres of land during her natural
life

life or widowhood. Also I give and bequeth to my six sons James
William John Isidore Charles and Horace Parish the land that
I now live on to be equally divided between the said Brothers and
if there should be any decay it is my desire that the rest of the
Brothers should come in to share equal. Also I give and be-
queth to my four daughters Lissannah Mary Parham
Elizabeth and Francis Parish an equal part of my Personal
estate. Also I give unto my loving Sons and daughters all my
estate Real and personal to be equally to be divided between
them when my son James Parish comes to the age of twenty
years. Also It is my desire that my son Charles Parish shall
have negro Lucy at my wifes death and if should have any
Increase that they should be divided amongst all the Children
that is living. I do appoint my loving Friends John Stowell
and Lewis Parham

and Lewis Parham my sole and sole executors of this my
last will and Testament annulling and making void all
other. In Witness my hand and seal this 13th day of January
1781

Signed and sealed }

John Parish

In presence of }

William Cox

William Wright

Thomas Boyd

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 8th day of January 1787

This will was proved by the Oaths of William Cox and Thomas Boyd wit-
nesses thereto and ordered to be record. And the executors therein named refusing
to take upon themselves the burthen of the execution thereof. On the motion
of Elizabeth widow and relict of the said John Parish deceased, who made
Oath and together with John Warham and William Stroud her securities
entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of Seven hundred pounds
as the law directs Antifinate was granted.

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Signed and Sealed

In presence of

William Cox

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At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 8th day of January 1787

This will was proved by the Oaths of William Cox and Thomas Boyd Witnesses thereto and ordered to be read. And the executor therein named refusing to take upon themselves the burthen of the execution thereof. On the motion of Elizabeth widow and relict of the said John Parish deceased, who made Oath and together with John Worsham and William Brand her securities entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of seven hundred pounds as the law directs Antifiduciary was granted her for obtaining letters of Administration on the said decedent's estate with his will aforesaid annexed in due form