

John Puryear
Will

In the name of God Amen I John Puryear Junr of the County of
Mecklenburg being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind memory
and understanding do make and publish this my last will & Testament
in manner and form following (to wit) Expressing my will and desire
is that all my just debts and funeral expences be first paid & discharged
and as to what worldly estate it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow
upon me in this life I give and dispose of as follows - I leave I lend to
my beloved wife Martha Puryear the use of the plantation whereon I
now live containing by estimation three hundred thirty & a half
acres during her natural life or widowhood which shall first happen
I also lend my said wife my Mill on Butchers Creek together with the
following Slaves (to wit) my negro man Slave names Ague my
negro

negro man slave named Joe, my negro woman slave named
Sarah, my negro woman slave named Lucy my negro woman
slave named Joan and my negro Boy slave named Sam I also
leave my said wife seven cows either with or without calves at
her own choice three feather Beds and furniture half a dozen
walnut chairs with leather bottoms three flaxen chairs two
chests six pewter dishes and twelve pewter plates two plow horses
my large saddle mare and ten head of sheep and after my
said wife's death or marriage as aforesaid the said Lands
mill Slaves Stocks &c to be disposed of in manner hereafter
mentioned my will further is that my said wife have a
pecuniary quantity of Corn and Pork allowed her for the ensuing
year and that my said wife have the use of my younger
childrens Slaves hereafter devised in order to educate support
and bring them up until they arrive to lawful age or marry

and that Mary W Williams and her daughter Martha continue with my said wife and out of the estate lent my said wife they be supported as heretofore. Item I lend to my daughter in Law Sarah Puryear widow of my late son John Puryear dec'd the use of my plantation whereon she now lives during her natural life or widowhood which shall first happen I also lend my said daughters in Law my negro man slave named Tom and after the death or marriage of my said daughter in Law the said lands and slave to be disposed of in manner hereafter mentioned.

Item I lend unto my grandson John Puryear son of my late son John Puryear dec'd after the death or marriage of her my said daughter in Law during his natural life the tract of Land & plantation before lent my said daughter in Law and if my said grandson should die without lawful issue in that case my will is that the said tract of Land & plantation before lent my said grandson be disposed of in manner hereafter mentioned.

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life or widowhood which shall first happen. I also lend my said
daughters in Law my negro man slave named Tom and after
the death or marriage of my said daughter in Law the said land
and slave to be disposed of in manner hereafter mentioned.

Item I lend unto my grand son John Puryear son of my
late son John Puryear dec'd after the death or marriage of
her my said daughter in Law during his natural life
the tract of Land & plantation before lent my said daughter in
Law and if my said grandson should die without lawful issue
in that case my will is that the said tract of Land & plantation
before lent my said grandson be disposed of in manner hereafter mentioned.

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But if my said Grandson has lawful issue then I give to my said Grandson
 the tract of Land and plantation before lent him to him and his heirs
 forever I also give and bequeath to my said Grandson John Purgers after
 the death or marriage of my said daughter in Law Sarah Purgers my
 negro man slave named Tom before lent my said daughter in Law I also
 give my said Grandson my negro boy named Tom to him this I give
 forever. Then I give and bequeath to my son Seymour Purgers all that tract
 or parcel of Land whereon he now lives that I purchased of John Mayes except
 Forty Acres to be laid off in the following manner (to wit) Beginning at a
 branch being the boundary betwixt him my said son Seymour and my
 Brother Samuel Purgers Tract thence running up the Creek in such a
 manner so that the said dividing line to lay off the said Forty Acres shall
 extend from the Creek within two hundred yards of the said Seymour
 Purgers Corn field since as follows stands which said forty Acres to be
 added to the tract whereon I now live and disposed of in manner here

after mentioned to him and his heirs forever I do give my said
son Seymour Puryear, my negro man slave named Dave and my
negro boy named Isaac to him and his heirs forever I give
and bequeath to my son Samuel Puryear one moiety of the Tract of
Land and plantation whereon I now live containing by estimation
six hundred and twenty Acres Adding thereto the forty Acres before
mentioned to be equally divided between my said son Samuel and
my son Reuben Puryear hereafter named Saml. Puryear Junr. Clause
Clause and James Hester to lay off and divide the same and should
either of the persons so appointed die or be removed before such Division
is made such vacancy to be filled up by any other person or persons
indifferently chosen for that special purpose and that my said son
Samuel Puryear have liberty to build on some part of the aforesaid
Tract of Land so that such plantation doth not in the least interfere
or in any manner intercept or molest my said Wife and that at

The death or marriage of my said wife the said tract of land
containing seven and ten Acres the forty acres before mentioned
included to be equally divided in manner before mentioned which
said moiety of the said Tract I give unto my said son Samuel
Puryear and his forever he my said son Samuel to have his first
choice. I also give unto my said son Samuel Puryear my negro
man slave named Julius and my negro boy slave named
Anaka to him and his heirs forever. I also give my said son
Samuel Puryear one moiety of the Mill on Butchers Creek
after the death or marriage of my said wife and that she be
kept in good repair by my son Samuel Puryear and my said
son Ruben Puryear each to be at equal expence and to share
equally of what profits or maintenance money be made from
her to him and his heirs forever. I give my said son Samuel
one Bed and furniture. Here I give & bequeath to my son William

Purveyor the Lands lately purchases of Thomas Reed, Sawwood
Reed and John Hayes containing by estimation four hundred
and fifty Acres to him and his heirs forever. I also give my said
son William Puryear my negro man slave names Ben and
my negro girl slave names Pat to him and his heirs forever.
I also give my said son William Puryear my household man that
he is now in possession of and all his furniture. Item I give
and bequeath to my son Reuben Puryear one moiety of the
tract of Land and plantation before last my said wife to be
equally divided in manner before mentioned between him my
said son Reuben Puryear and my son Samuel Puryear the said
Tract containing seven hundred and ten Acres the forty Acres
before mentioned included to him my said son Reuben Puryear
and his heirs forever. I also give my said son Reuben Puryear
one moiety of the Mill before mentioned together with my negro

Boy named Charles and my negro girl named Fanny to him and his
 heirs forever I also give my said son Reuben Puryear the sum of fifteen
 pounds to be laid out in the purchase of a young mare by my exec
 hereafter named when he arrives to lawful age or marries also one
 bed and furniture. Then I give and bequeath to my son Hezekiah Puryear
 all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Henrico and
 containing by estimation four hundred acres I also give my said son
 Hezekiah my negro girl slave named Dinah and my negro girl slave
 named Nan to him and his heirs forever. I also give my said son Hezekiah
 the sum of fifteen pounds to be laid out by my exec hereafter named in
 the purchase of a young mare when he arrives to lawful age or marries
 also one bed and furniture. Then I give and bequeath to my daughter
 Rebecca Puryear one ninth part of all my stocks of cattle Horses Hogs Sheep
 not heretofore disposed of also all my household & kitchen furniture and the
 personal estate of what nature or kind soever I also give my said daughter
 one negro girl slave named Fanny to her and her heirs forever. Then

I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Finch my negro man
slave named Charles my negro girl named Sarah and my negro
girl named Hannah to her and her heirs forever Item I give and
bequeath to my daughter Mary Baynes my negro girl named Nell
my negro boy named Gabo and my negro Boy Billy to her and her heirs
forever I also give my said daughter one bed and furniture and the sum of
fifteen pounds to be laid out by my execs hereafter named in the
purchase of a young mare when she arrives to lawful age or marries
Item my desire is that if my grandson John Baynes die without
lawful issue in that case I give the tract of Land and plantation before
lent my said grandson to my son William Baynes to him and his
heirs forever he making my son Hezekiah an indefeasible estate in
fee simple in the said tract of Land and plantation before devised my
son William lately purchaser of Thomas Russ & Harwood and also the
plantation purchased of John Bayes my will further is that when my

said son William shall have made my said son Hezekiah an
indefeasible estate when he my said son Hezekiah arrives to
lawful age or arrives to the said Tract first devised herein my
said son William that then the tract of Land devised my said
son Hezekiah before being in the County of Henrico be sold by
my exec hereafter named and the money arising by such sale be
equally divided among all my children (to wit) Benjamin Puryear
Samuel Puryear, William Puryear, Rebecca Puryear, Rebecca
Jane Finch, Mary Puryear Hezekiah Puryear. But if my said
son William Puryear in case of the death of my said Grandson
shall refuse or neglect to make my said son Hezekiah Puryear
an indefeasible estate as aforesaid to the Tract of Land first
devised herein in that case I give the said tract of Land lent
my said Grandson at his death to my said son Hezekiah Puryear
to him and his heirs forever and if my said son Hezekiah should

refuse to receive the Tract of Land and plantation devised my
son William. in Lieu of the Tract devised my said son Hegbink
lying in the County of Henrico in that case my devise is
that the Tract of Land and plantation first devised my said son
William be sold by my execs hereafter named and the money
arising from such sale be divided in manner before mentioned
- Item I give and bequeath to my said son William Puryear my
waggon and gear also six and a half Lots of Land lying and
being in the Town and County of Warwick with all the buildings
and appurtenances belonging to him and his Heirs forever
Item my will further is that all the rest and residue of my estate
of what nature or kind soever and not heretofore disposed of be
equally divided amongst my children and Grandsons hereafter
named (to wit) Symour Puryear, Saml Puryear, William Puryear
Ruben Puryear, Jane Smith, Mary Puryear, Hegbink and my
Grandson John Puryear to them & their Heirs forever. Item my

desire is that if any of my said children or Grandson before mentioned die
 without lawful issue that then his her or their parts so dying be divided
 amongst the survivors or their Heirs. I do hereby nominate constitute
 and appoint my loving wife Martha Puryear executor my son
 Samuel Puryear and my son William Puryear and my son in Law Edward
 Finch executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking
 and making void all other wills or wills by me heretofore made.
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seven
 teenth day of April and in the year of our Lord one thousand
 seven hundred and eighty five

Signed sealed published & declared by
 the said Testator as his last will and
 Testament in presence of

Isaac Clausel Solomon
 Edward Walton

John & Puryear

Testament in presence of

John Puryear

Clair Clause Solomon Draper

Edward Walton

Rich^d Clause

At about held for Mecklenburg County the 8th day of August 1785

This will was proved by the oaths of Clause Clause & Solomon Draper & witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Samuel Puryear William Puryear and Edward Finch the executors therein named who made oath thereto and together with Asa Oliver, James Hester and John Puryear their securities entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of five thousand pounds conditioned as the said decess certificate was granted them for obtaining a probat of the said will in due form Liberty being reserved for the executor therein named to join in the probat when she shall think fit

Teste

John Brown, Clerk