

William Ratliff Will.

In the name of God Amen. I William Ratliff of Anson County in the Province of North Carolina Planter being in perfect sense & memory Thanks be to Almighty God for the same but Calling to mind the frailty of my Body & knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner following that is to say Principally & first of all I Recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body To the Earth to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter named & as Touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased almighty God to Bless me with in this Life I give devise & Bequeath in manner following.

Item it is my will & desire that my beloved Wife Susannah Ratliff shall possess & Enjoy my said Plantation and lands therts belonging together with all my stock & Household Furniture of what nature & kind soever during her Widowhood but in case she shall marry & die then it is my Will that the said Plantation & Lands together therewith the fourteen acres of land I purchased of Stephen Thomas Descend and go To my two sons William & Zachariah Ratliff to be Equally Divided between them & to hold to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give unto my son Thomas Ratliff five Shillings plus More.

Item I give & Bequeath unto my two sons James & John Ratliff Three Hundred Acres of Land lying on the long branch of Squire Creek to be Equally Divided between them and to hold to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Son Robert Clother Ratliff Two Hundred acres of land lying on the Island Creek adjoining the lands formerly taken up by James Ellee to hold to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item it is my Will that if either of my sons William Zachariah James John or Robert Clother Ratliff should die without Issue that

Thine it is my will that their part or divided of the said lands herein before bequeathed descend & go to the survivors of them & to be Equally divided amongst them to hold to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Curtis thirty pounds proclamation money to be raised out of the Estate at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter named.

Lastly I do hereby Constitute & appoint my friend Mr William Thomas son of Philemon Thomas & Mr Robert Thomas My sole Executors of this my Last Will & Testament hereby Revoking disannulling making void all former & other Wills by me heretofore made Ratifying Confirming & holding good this to be my Last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Tenth Day of February Anno Domini 1777.

Signed Sealed published and
Declared by the Testator to be
his Last Will & Testament
in Presence of us
Thomas Dickson
L. Jeffers
Samuel Curtis

William ^{his} Ratliff (seal)
mark

William Ratliff. Will.
In the name of God Amen. I William Ratliff
of Anson County in the Province of North Carolina
Planter being in perfect sense & memory Thanks
be to Almighty God for the same but Calling to mind
the Vanitallity of my Body & Knowing it is appointed
for all men once to die do make & ordain this my
Last Will & Testament in manner following that is
to say Principally & first of all I Recommend my
soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it
& my body To the Earth to be Decently Buried at the
Discretion of my Executors hereafter named & as
Touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased
almighty God to Bless me with in this Life I give
Devise & Bequeath in manner following.

Improve it is my will & desire that my beloved Wife Susan-
nah Ratliff shall possess & Enjoy as a Plantation
and lands therto belonging together with all my stock
& Household Furniture of what nature kind & ever
during her Widowhood but in case she shall marry
or die then it is my Will that the said Plantation
& Lands together therewith the fourteen acres
of land I purchased of Stephen Thomas Descend
and go To my two sons William & Zachariah Ratliff
to be Equally Divided between them & to hold to them
their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give unto my son Thomas Ratliff five Shillings
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long branch of Joneses Creek to be Equally Di-
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heirs and assigns forever.

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Two Hundred acres of land lying on the Island Creek
adjoining the lands formerly taken up by James
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forever.

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William Zachariah James John or Robert Clo-
ther Ratliff should die without Issue that

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lands herein before bequeathed descend & go to the survivors
of them & to be Equally divided amongst them to hold
to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Curtis thirty pounds
proportion money to be raised out of the Estate
at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named.

Lastly I do hereby Constitute & appoint my friend W.
William Thomas son of Philimon Thomas & W.
Robert Thomas My sole Executors of this my
Last Will & Testament hereby Revoking disannul-
ling making void all former & other Wills by me
heretofore made Ratifying Confirming & holding
good this to be my Last Will and Testament in
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this Tenth Day of February Anno Domini 1777.

Signed Sealed published and
Declared by the Testator to be
his Last Will & Testament
in Presence of us
Thomas Dickson
L. Jefferson
Samuel Curtis

William^{his} Ratliff (seal)
mark

John Ryle's Will

In the name of God Amen. I John Ryle of Anson County in the Province of North Carolina being weak of Body but of sound Memory Thanks be given to God for the same Calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to say principally & first of all I give & commend my soul to the hand of Almighty God that gave it & 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 shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God & as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give Devise & Dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

First I give my son James one negro named Item I Give my Daughter Elizabeth one negro named Doll Item I Give unto my son John one negro named Harry I have one negro Jack to be sold at the Discretion of my wife & the money arising from the sale to purchase a young negro for my son Whitwell Item I Give unto my son Larkin one negro named Ceces Item I Give unto my Daughter Mary one negro named Fillea Item I Give unto my six Children each of them one bed and furniture & I give my son James one shot gun Item I Give all my lands to be Equally Divided among my six Children to them and their assigns forever and if either of them should lose their negro before they come of age that they should have a young negro purchased out of the value of my lands or other Effects Item I lend unto my Loving wife my whole Estate Goods & Chattels in during the time of her widowhood & of my wife should marry I lend her my House & fifty Acres of land in during her life & my other Estate to be Divided according to my Will & appoint my wife Executor & my son James Ryle Executor & do acknowledged this my Last Will & Testament January 6th 1778

the 8 Day 1777

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Wm Remy

Henry Allen

Hannah ^{per} Hitchens

mark

John Ryle Seal

Anson County January 6th 1778
Proved in open Court by the
oath of Wm Remy
& John Child Clerk

John Presley's Will

In the name of God Amen. I John Presley of Anson County in Province of North Carolina Haberdasher being very sick and weak in (or in perfect health of Body but) and of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given unto God for the same Calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my Last Will & Testament that is to say principally & first of all I Give & Recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it & my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be Buried in Decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of My Executors nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the mighty Power of God & as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to Bless me in this life I Give Devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner & form first I give & bequeath to Mary my dearly beloved wife Mrs. Corps & Calves one Large black mare & all the household Goods Debts & moveable Effects during her widowhood also I give to my well beloved Daughter Elizabeth

Marye Tins Shillings Likewise my dearly beloved son
John Pieslar Tins Shillings Likewise my dearly beloved
Daughter Hagan Tins Shillings Likewise my dearly
beloved Daughter Ann Tins Shillings Likewise
Mary Pieslar my dearly beloved Daughter Tins Shillings
Likewise Susannah Pieslar my dearly beloved Daughter
Tins Cornes & Calves & that same large Black mare
colt Likewise Anthony Pieslar my dearly beloved
son Tins Cornes & Calves one Round mare & horse &
hundred & fifty acres of Land Lying on James Creek
upper half being his younger Brother William fifty
pounds Likewise Elias Pieslar my dearly beloved
son Tins Cornes & Calves & one bay horse colt one
hundred and fifty acres of Land on the same
Creek below Laying his younger Brother Levi
fifty pounds Laying his mother above on the land her
half share Likewise Jane Pieslar my dearly beloved
Daughter Tins Cornes & Calves Likewise William
Pieslar my dearly beloved son Tins Cornes and
Calves & one sorrel mare Likewise Levi Pieslar my
dearly beloved son Tins Cornes & Calves & one bay horse
colt & to his well beloved Wife Mary Pieslar again
Tins houses one bay & one sorrel & they wagen for
use the Plantation one iron case & one roan blackface
horse & one sheep to Anthony & one sheep to Elias &
one sheep to Jane & one sheep to William & one sheep
to Levi and the remainder to my wife Mary Pieslar &
Daughter Susannah Pieslar to whom I Likewise
Constitute Make & ordain the sole Executor of this
my Last Will and Testament all & singular my
lands messuages & Tenements by her freely to be
possessed & Enjoy & I do hereby utterly disallow re-
voke and Disannul all & Every other form Testa-
ments Wills Legacies Bequests & Executors by
me in any way before argued willed & Bequeathed
Ratified & Confirming this & no other to be
my Last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I
have hereunto set my hand & seal this 6 day of
December in the year of our Lord one thousand
Seven hundred & Seventy Seven.

John Pieslar (died)
mark

Signed Sealed published pronounced
and declared by the said John
Pieslar as his Last Will and
Testament in the presence of us
who in his presence & in the
presence of each other have
hereunto subscribed our names.
Sampson Hough.
John Pieslar.

Ames County
procd January Court,
1779 by Sampson Hough
and John Pieslar.
John Hild. Clk

Priscilla M^cPherson Will.
In the name of God Amen, I Priscilla M^cPherson
of Ames County in the Province of North Carolina
being weak in body but of a sound and perfect
memory & Calling to mind the uncertainty of Life
do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament
in manner & form following that is to the first I
Recommend my soul to God my body to the
Earth to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my Exe-
cutor Hereinafter mentioned first I give & bequeath to my
Beloved son Shadrach Denson all my Land & out standing
Debt due or payable to me & my negro woman named
Dinah & her increase Except the young negro girl named
nan which I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter
Betsey Denson And also my feather bed and all the
Remainder of my Personall Estate wholly. I give
and bequeath to my beloved son Shadrach Denson
and also I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint
my son Shadrach Denson sole Executor of this

Name of my Shillings Likewise my dear beloved son
 John Piesler two Shillings Likewise my dear beloved
 daughter Hagan two Shillings Likewise my dear
 beloved daughter Ann two Shillings Likewise
 Mary Piesler my dear beloved daughter two Shillings
 Likewise Susannah Piesler my dear beloved daughter
 two Cows & Calves & that same large Black mare
 Colt Likewise Anthony Piesler my dear beloved
 son two Cows & Calves one Roan mare & horse &
 bandied & fifty some of Land lying on Jones Creek
 upper part being his younger Brother William fifty
 pounds Likewise Elias Piesler my dear beloved
 son two Cows & Calves & one bay horse Colt one
 hundred and fifty some of Land on the same
 Creek below saying his younger Brother Levi
 fifty pounds saying his mother there on the land her
 life time Likewise Jane Piesler my dear beloved
 daughter two Cows & Calves Likewise William
 Piesler my dear beloved son two Cows
 Calves & one barrel more Likewise Levi Piesler my
 dear beloved son two Cows & Calves & one bay horse
 Colt & to his well beloved wife Mary Piesler again
 two horses one bay & one barrel & they wagen for
 use the Plantation one Ox mare & one roundhaired
 horse & one sheep to Anthony & one sheep to Elias &
 one sheep to Jane & one sheep to William & one sheep
 to Levi and the remainder to my wife Mary Piesler &
 daughter Susannah Piesler & whom I likewise
 constitute Make & ordain the sole Executor of this
 my Last Will and Testament all & singular my
 lands messuages & Tenements by her truly to be
 possessed & Enjoy & I do hereby utterly disallow re-
 voke and Disannul all & Every other form Testa-
 mente Willa Legacies Bequeste & Executors by
 me in any ways before signed willed & Bequested
 Ratified & Confirming this & no other to be
 my Last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I
 have hereunto set my hand & seal this 6 day of
 December in the year of our Lord one thousand
 seven hundred & Seventy seven.

John ^{his} Piesler (Seal)
 mark

Signed Sealed published pronounced
 and Declared by the said John
 Piesler as his Last Will and
 Testament in the presence of us
 who in his presence & in the
 presence of each other have
 hereunto subscribed our names.
 Sampson Hough.
 John Piesler.

Amerson County
 proved January Court
 1778 by Sampson Hough
 and John Piesler.
 John Wild. Clk

Priscilla M^cPherson Will.
 In the name of God Amen. I Priscilla M^cPherson
 of Amerson County in the Province of North Carolina
 being weak in body but of a sound and perfect
 memory & Calling to mind the uncertainty of Life
 do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament
 in manner & form following that is to the first I
 Recommend my soul to God my maker & my Body to the
 Earth to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my Exe-
 cutors Hereinafter mentioned first I give & bequeath to my
 Beloved son Shadrach Denson all my Land & out standing
 debts due or payable to me & my negro Wench named
 Dinah & her increase Except the young negro girl named
 nan which I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter
 Betsey Denson And also my Feather bed and all the
 Remainder of my Personall Estate wholly I give
 and bequeath to my beloved son Shadrach Denson
 and also I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint
 my son Shadrach Denson sole Executor of these

my Last Will & Testament in Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 23^d Day of March 1778
I have copied of Isaacullah M. Phidons Last Will and Testament
This Made 6th

John Haymes Will.

In the name of God Amen. I John Haymes of Anson County in the Province of North Carolina being of Sound & perfect mind & memory blessed be God. On this twenty Eight Day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine make & publish this my Last Will and Testament in Manner following that is to say first I lend to my wife Ruth Haymes during her natural life Eight negroes viz Gray Joe Will Simon Pate Aggy March Peter and Cesar and after her death to be divided in Manner following

Item That is to say I Give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Betty Anna Hamock Six negroes viz Gray Joe Peter Pate Aggy Cesar & March

Item I Give & bequeath to my beloved Daughter Charity Thomas two negroes Will & Simon

Item I Give and bequeath to William Hamus five Shillings Current money of North Carolina. I lend to my beloved wife Ruth Haymes the Residue of my whole Estate Consisting of Lands stock of all kinds Household furniture & after her death To be Equally divided between my two Daughters Jolley ann Hamock & Charity Thomas. And I anake & ordain my

Beloved wife Ruth Haymes & worthy friends William Hamock and William Bess Executors of this my Last Will and Testament whereof the said John Haymes to this my Last Will & Testament set my hand & seal the Day & year above written Signed Sealed published & Declared by the said John Haymes the Testator in the presence of us who were present at the time of sealing thereof.

David Jameson

James Jameson

Wm Geo Hammock
mark

John^{his} Haymes (Seal)
mark

Anson County Oct^r 1st 1778
proved by the oath of David Jameson one of the subscribing Witnesses
This Made 6th

John Lee Will.

In the name of God Amen. To all to whom the as presents shall come know ye that I John Lee of Anson County in the Province of North Carolina being weak in body but of perfect memory thanks be to God for it & Calling to mind the mortality of my body & that it is appointed for all men to Die do make Constitute & appoint this my Last Will and Testament & first of all I Recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body to the dust To be buried in a Decent & Christian Like manner at the Discretion of my Executors nothing Doubting but to Receive it again at the Day of Resurrection & as to my Temporal Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with I bestow in manner & form as follows that is to say first I Give & bequeath unto Elizabeth my well beloved wife one small fat one brown horse bald back & bridle & saddle one bed

+ Furniture two dishes + two plaits + two basins two knives
+ two forks three bowls + Calves + two hoppers

Item I give to my son Richard I give half of my land beginning at the
upper end of my old field straight for the top of the ridge
between the two fields thence square to the back line the up-
per part one negro fellow Caroll James one horse Calt to
+ bridle + saddle one black horse one bed + bedstead +
furniture one cow Calt broken leg one calf red eyes + one
Calt Duck Legs + two hoppers + one rifle gun + one large
pot

Item I give to my son Anthony the lower part of my land
one negro boy Calt often one young black mare Calt
please one bed + bedstead + furniture one cow Calt
nose + her huffer one cow Calt Susan + her calf one
cow Calt Hall + her calf one yellow basson one half gallon
bason two plaits + one dish. Item I give to my son
John one negro Calt boy one bed + bedstead + furniture
one blood red gelding one cow red eyes and calf one cow
Calt white face + calf one called for me and to be seen
found in hard money two basins two plates + Dish.
Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth one gray mare one
mote of hand upon Richard Garbrough for eight pounds
Duck + twenty five pounds old buck + three young cows
+ thirty head of pigs six head of sheep + one Dutch Oven.
Item I lend my wife my House + Plantation during
her widowhood when I appoint my Executor + Richard
Lee my Executor + this I acknowledge to be my last
will + Testament made this tenth day of September
in the year of our Lord Anne Dorn 1778

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in presence of
Test Robert Lee
Richard Lee

John Lee Seal
made

James Roper Will

In the name of God Amen I James Roper of Anson Coun-
ty in the state of North Carolina being now sick & weak of body
but of sound + perfect memory Thanks be to Almighty God for
the same + Calling to mind the uncertainty of this life And
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die Do make
this my Last Will + Testament as followeth &c

Item I Give to my Daughter Martha Roper Three hundred acres of
Land where I formerly lived on Long Creek in Montgomery Coun-
ty Also one negro Girl named Beck + six head of cattle
and one black mare Branded thus T. to her + her heirs for
ever + assigns.

Item I Give to my Daughter Lucy Roper Two hundred acres of
Land lying on Long Creek which was patented by William Ro-
gan Also one hundred acres of Land joining William Tay-
lors Line on Long Creek Also one negro girl named
Nelly + one Bay mare branded thus T. Also six head
of cattle to her + her heirs forever.

Item I give to my son Green Roper the plantation whereon
I now live Containing Three hundred acres of Land &c
being the tract of Land which I purchased of Capt Dwy
Also one negro fellow named Martin + six head of
cattle to him + his heirs forever.

Item I Give to my Daughter Mary Roper Two Hundred
acres of Land on David Creek surveyed by Moses
Hall Also one negro Wench named Peg + six head of
cattle to her + her heirs + assigns forever.

Item I Give to my son William Roper Two Hundred acres
of Land patented by William Halduth on Cedar Creek
Also Two Hundred acres of land on the Ridge surveyed
by George Davidson Also the mill with all its utensils
Also one negro boy named George + six head of cattle
to him his heirs + assigns forever.

Item I Give to my Daughter Susannah Roper four Hundred
acres of Land on Buffellon surveyed by Coll Davidson
Also one negro boy named Simon + six head of cattle
to her + her heirs + assigns forever.

Lastly I Give unto my kind + Loring wife fifty acres of
land at the upper end of the Land whereon I now
live with Timber water + all other necessarys on the
above mentioned fifty acres of Land During her

+ Furniture two dishes + two plates + two basins two knives
+ two forks three bowls + Calves + two hives.

Item I give to my son Richard I give half of my land beginning at the
upper end of my old field straight for the top of the ridge
between the two fields thence square to the back line the up-
per part one negro fellow named James one horse calf to
+ bridle + saddle one black mare one bed + bedsted +
furniture one cow calf broken one cow calf red eyes + one
calf duck legs + two hives + one rifle gun + one large
pot.

Item I give to my son Anthony the lower part of my land
also negro boy calf off one young black mare calf
plow one bed + bedsted + furniture one cow calf
cow + her huffer one cow calf down + her calf one
cow calf stall + her calf one gallon basin one half gallon
basin two plates + one dish. Item I give to my son
John one negro calf one bed + bedsted + Furniture
one black pig one cow calf down and calf one cow
calf white face + calf one calf + one cow + one
pound of hard money + two basins two plates + dish.
Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth one gray mare one
mole of land upon Richard Harbrough for eight pounds
pound + twenty five pounds old junk + three young cows
+ thirty head of hogs six head of sheep + one Dutch Oven.
Item I send my wife my House + Plantation during
my widowhood when I appoint my Cousin + Richard
Lee my Cousin + thus I acknowledge to be my last
will + Testament signed this tenth day of September
in the year of our Lord Anne Dom 1778

I give unto + I deliver
in presence of
Test Robert Lee
Richard Lee

John Lee (Seal)
made

James Roper's Will

In the name of God Amen I James Roper of Anson Coun-
ty in the state of North Carolina being very sick weak of body
but of sound + perfect memory Thanks be to Almighty God for
the same + Calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die Do make
this my Last Will + Testament as followeth &c.

Item I Give to my Daughter Martha Roper Three hundred acres of
Land where I formerly lived on Long Creek in Montgomery Coun-
ty. Also one negro Girl named Beck + six head of cattle
and one black mare Branded thus T to her + her heirs for
ever + assigne.

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Land lying on Long Creek which was parted by William Ro-
gan also one hundred acres of Land joining William Ro-
gan's Line on Long Creek Also one negro girl named
Milly + one Bay Mare Branded thus T also six head
of cattle to her + her heirs forever.

Item I Give to my son Eben Roper the Plantation whereon
I now Live Containing Three hundred acres of Land at
being the Tract of Land which I purchased of Col^d Day
also one negro fellow named Martin + six head of
Cattle to him + his heirs forever.

Item I Give to my Daughter Mary Roper Two Hundred
acres of Land on David Creek Surveyed by Moses
Hall also one negro Wench named Peg + six head of
cattle to her + her heirs + assigne forever.

Item I Give to my son William Roper Two Hundred acres
of Land parted by William Halduth on Cedar Creek
Also Two Hundred acres of land on the Ridge surveyed
by George Davidson Also the mill with all its utensils
also one negro boy named George + six head of cattle
to him his heirs + assigne forever.

Item I Give to my Daughter Susannah Roper four Hundred
acres of Land on Bufffellow surveyed by Col^d Jenson
also one negro boy named Simon + six head of cattle
to her + her heirs + assigne forever.

Lastly I Give unto my kind + Loring wife fifty acres of
land at the upper end of the Land whereon I now
live with Tomb water + all other necessaries on the
above mentioned fifty acres of Land During her

natural life a Widowhood. &c

Lastly I nominate constitute & appoint my Loving Wife & John Lilly Executors of this my Last Will & Testament reserving & Disannulling all other Wills and Testaments by me made before And do acknowledge this & no other to be my Last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have set my hand & fixed my seal this seventeenth Day of August Anno Domini 1781

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in the presence of us to be
my last Will & Testament

Wmth Terry
Johnth Johnson
Jamesth H. London
mark

James Roberts Seal

William Terry Will

In the name of God Amen. I William Terry of Anson County being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & Memory Thanks be Given unto God Calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men one to die do shake & ordain this my Last Will & Testament that is to say Principally by & first of all I Give & Recommend my soul unto the hand of Almighty God that gave it & my body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of Executors nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God & as touching such worldly Estate wherewith I have pleased God to Bless me in this Life I give devise and of the same in the following manner to wit.

Item I Give to my Daughter Martha Puckett one negro named Tom And Twenty pounds pock. Item I Give unto my son James Terry all my Lands by him freely to be possessed & enjoyed also one negro man named Bob. Item I Give to my Daughter Mourning Coleman one negro boy named Shasper. Item I Give to my Daughter Margaret Smith one negro Girl named Jude. Item I Give to Elizabeth Williams one Cow & Call one feather bed & furniture then after my lawfull Debts is paid I send all the rest of my Estate unto my wife Mary Terry during her natural Life & after her decease Sixty pounds to be Raised out of the Estate and Equally Divided between my three Daughters Martha Mourning & Margaret & the Rest to be Equally Divided amongst the four children above mentioned To wit. Martha James Mourning & Margaret. Lastly I appoint my son James Terry & my wife Mary Terry Executors of this my Last Will and Testament & I do hereby utterly Disallow revoke & Disannul all & Every other former Testament In Witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 6 day of September one thousand seven hundred & seventy five Signed Sealed in presence

John Coleman
Wm Roberts

Wm Terry Seal

Matthew Clements Will

In the name of God Amen. I Matthew Clements of Anson County in the Province of North Carolina being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be unto God Father unto mine the Notability of my body & knowing that I am appointed to all men once to die do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament that is to say principally and first of all I Give and Recommend my soul unto the hand of Almighty God that Care it & my body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the direction of my friends nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate as hath pleased God to bless me in this life I Give Devise & Dispose of the same in the following manner & form

Item I Give & bequeath unto Mary my only child with all my Estate together with all my Household goods Bible & moveable Effects & otherwise Constituted what I obtain here my self sole Executor of this my Last Will & Testament all & singular my whole Estate by her self to be passed & Enjoined & do hereby utterly Disclaim revoke & Disannul all & Every other former Testament Will & Legacies bequeathed by Execution by me in any way before named & bequeathed ratifying & Confirming the and no other to be my Last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27 day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Eighty two

Signed Sealed published pronounced & Declared by the sd. Matthew Clements as his Last Will & Testament in the presence of us who in his presence & in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names
 Wm. Lee Morris
 Patrick Lee Williams
 Roland Lee
 Elizabeth Morris

Matthew Clements
 mark

Anson Appeal Court
 1783 this this Will was exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the oath of Wm. Morris a witness thereto & ordered to be registered
 Mark Auld Clerk

George Wilson Will

In the name of God Amen. I George Wilson of Anson County in the State of North Carolina being sick weak of body but of sound & disposing mind & memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same do make & ordain this to be my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following

Item I Give after my Just Ditties & Funeral charges be paid and satisfied I Give Devise & bequeath the Rest of my Estate both real & personal as follows

Item I Give & bequeath unto my son Robert one negro wench named Esther which I sent to him in Virginia some years ago & all her increase Except a negro girl named Lyd which sd negro girl Lyd I hereby Give & bequeath to my Grand son George Wilson of my sd son Robert her increase to him his heirs & assigns forever

Item I Give Devise & bequeath unto my Son George Wilson my Lands on Joneses Creek containing about three Hundred and thirty acres in two Patent Granted to a certain William Tridling & purchased of him by me to him My said son George his heirs & assigns forever

Item I Give Devise & bequeath unto my four sons Samuel Solomon Andrew & John all my land and plantations where I now live on the West side of Great Pee Du River to be Equally Divided between them both in Equality & Equally when and as soon as my son Samuel shall arrive to the age of twenty one years & that the share or Dividend of each of my said four sons last mentioned may be entered upon & possessed by them severally as they arrive to the age of twenty one year but it is my Will & Desire and I do hereby Give Devise & bequeath the whole of the sd Lands with the appurtenances thereon or thereunto belonging with all my Personal Estate & the Issues & profits thereof or arising therefrom to my loving Wife for the better enabling her to bring up & maintain My younger Children untill my sd son Samuel shall arrive to the age of twenty one years or untill the day of my Wifes marriage at which time the Division of the Last Aforementioned Land is to take place & the sd Son Samuel may Enter into or on his part or share of the same Land And if my sd Wife should marry

again before my son Samuel should arrive to the age aforesaid. then she must be put to her share of my Estate both real & personal but if she should not marry before the time aforesaid then she is to have one moiety or half of my Estate both real and personal & the issues & profits thereof untill my sd other three sons arrive to the age of Twenty one at which time they are to receive their several shares & respectively as afd & it is further my Will & Desire that after the Partition of the Land as afd my sd son Samuel shall have the care use & possession of this Brothers Land that is say of my three sons Solomon Andrew & John their share or Dividend as afd which he is to deliver up to them as they severally arrive to the age of Twenty one years as afd to them the said Samuel Solomon Andrew & John their heirs & assigns forever.

Item

I Give & bequeath all the Rest of my Estate both real & personal to be equally divided between my wife & my four sons Samuel Solomon Andrew & John that is to say my wife one third part & the other two thirds between my sd four sons & that my Executors or Administrators hereafter mentioned to Return an inventory of my sd Estate on the Exhibition of my wife for probation & give strictly according to law for the remaining part of my Estate after my Just Debts are paid & Discharged as afd Lastly I hereby appoint my friend John Rowland & my Wife Elizabeth Wilson my Executors & Administrators of this my Last Will & Testament to see the same duly executed & performed. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 9 Day of April 1771

Signed Seals published

pronounced & Declared

by the sd. George Wilson

as his last Will & Testament

in the presence of us

John Auld

Morgan Brown

James his Nephew
mark

George Wilson Dead

John Stephens Will.

In the name of God Amen. I John Stephens of Anson County & State of North Carolina being in Health & sound mind & memory yet calling to mind my mortality & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die doth make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following First & principally I Recommend my Soul to God who gave it & my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian manner & as touching my worldly Estate I Dispose of it in manner & form following Vist I give all my Land lying on Carvers Creek on the Cape Fear River Containing one Hundred & fifty acres & all my other lands to me belonging to my two sisters to wit Nancy Stephens of Anson & Sarah Stephens. Item I give to my Sister Sarah of my black paring building & a feather bed. Item I give to my sister Nancy Stephens two buildings one a black one & a white one. Item I give all the Residue of my Estate Consisting of notes bonds & debts in cash to be Equally Divided between my two aforesaid sisters to them their heirs & assigns forever.

Lastly I give my Land Robert Ruford & John Cain Executors of the aforesaid Last Will & Testament Residue all others. Signed Witness this 12 Day of July 1781 & Delivered in presence of
James Terry
Cady Cooper
John Terry

John Stephens (Seal)

James Aulds Will.

In the name of God Amen. I James Aulds of Robt of Lu Du in the County of Anson in North Carolina but now of ~~Wilmington~~ ^{Bladen} County in Virginia being in sound & perfect mind & memory Thanks be to God for the same do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following To wit I Impose It is my Will & Desire that all my Just Ditties & funeral Charges be paid & satisfied by my Executors hereafter named & the residue I Give Devise & Dispose of as follows.

Item I Give Devise & bequeath unto my Son John Auld & his heirs forever Three Tracts of Land on the South Side of the Cape Fear River in Anson County in North Carolina known by the name of Hall Danks & Knotts Tracts supposed to contain together three hundred acres more or less which I have already given him is to be full of his part of my whole Estate both real & personal. Item I Give Devise & bequeath the Remainder of my Estate both real & personal to my beloved wife Rosanne during her natural Life & after her death the said Estate to be Equally Divided in quantity & quality by my Executors between my Son Michael & my Daughter Ann Mary & Elizabeth to them & to their heirs forever. Lastly I appoint my beloved wife Rosanne my son Michael & Henry Lynn Harrington Executors of this my Last Will & Testament reciting & making all void by one heretofore made ratifying & confirming this & no other as my Last Will & Testament aforesaid. in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 7 Day of December 1780.

Signed Seals published

pronounced & Declared

by the sd James Aulds as

his Last Will & Testament in the presence of us

Abraham Mitchell

John his Son

to Henry Harrington

James Aulds (Seal)

John Stephens Will.

In the name of God Amen. I John Stephens of Anson County & State of North Carolina being in Health & sound mind & memory yet calling to mind my mortality & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do hereby make & ordain this My Last Will & Testament in manner & form following that is to wit & principally I recommend my soul to God who gave it & my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian manner & as touching my worldly Estate I dispose of it in manner & form following that I give all my lands lying on Carvers Creek in the Cape Fear River containing one Hundred & fifty acres & all my other lands to me belonging to my two sisters to wit Nancy Stephens & Sarah Stephens. I then give to my sister Sarah also my black pearing Quarters & one Quarter bid down & give to my sister Nancy Stephens two Guddings & one & a black one & after my just debts is paid I give all the Residue of my Estate Consisting of what I have in accounts or cash to be Equally Divided between my two aforesaid sisters to them their heirs or assigns forever.

Witnes my hand and Robert Crawford & John Cain Executors of this My Last Will & Testament Revoked all others. Signed Sealed this 12 Day of July 1781 & Delivered in presence of
James Terry
Neddy Hooker
John Terry

John Stephens (Seal)

James Aulde Will.

In the name of God Amen. I James Aulde of State of Pa Du in the County of Anson in North Carolina but now of ~~Southampton~~ County in Virginia being in sound & perfect mind & memory Thanks be to God for the same do hereby make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following to wit In witness whereof I do hereby declare that all my just debts & funeral charges be paid & satisfied by my Executors here after named & the residue I give Devise & Dispose of as follows.

Item I give Devise & bequeath unto my son John Aulde & his heirs forever Three Tracts of Land on the South Side Pa Du in Anson County in North Carolina known by the name of Hall Daniels & Knolls Tracts supposed to equal together three hundred acres more or less which I have already given him is to be full of his part of my whole Estate both real & personal. Item I give Devise & bequeath the Remainder of my Estate both real & personal to my beloved wife Rosanne during her natural Life & after her death the said Estate to be Equally Divided in quantity & quality by my Executors between my son Michael & my Daughters Ann Mary & Elizabeth to whom & to their heirs forever. Lastly I appoint my beloved wife Rosanne my son Michael & Henry Wm Harrington Executors of this my Last Will & Testament revoking & making all void by me heretofore made ratifying & confirming this & no other as my Last Will & Testament aforesaid. in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 7 Day of December 1780.

Signed Sealed published

pronounced & declared

by the sd James Aulde as
his Last Will & Testament in the
presence of us

Abraham Mitchell

John his

son

do Wm Harrington

James Aulde (Seal)

John M. Clendon's Will.

In the Name of God Amen. I John M. Clendon of Anson
 County & State of North Carolina being through the abun-
 dant mercy & goodness of God though weak in body & of
 a sound perfect understanding & memory do constitute this
 my Last Will and Testament & desire it may be proved by
 all as such first I most humbly begueth my soul to
 God my Maker beseeching and most gracious acceptance
 of it Through the all sufficient merits & mediation of my
 most compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ who gave
 Himself to be an atonement for my sins & is able to
 save to the utmost all that come unto God by Him
 seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them
 who I trust will not forget me a returning penitent sin-
 ner when I come to him for mercy in that hope & con-
 fidence I render up my soul with comfort humbly beseech-
 ing the most blessed & glorious Trinity one God
 most holy most merciful & gracious to prepare me for
 the time of my Dissolution & to take me to himself
 into that peace & rest & incomparable glory which has
 prepared for all that love & fear his holy Name Amen
 blessed be God I beg my body to the Earth from whence
 it was taken in full assurance of its Resurrection from
 thence at the last Day as for my Burial I desire it may
 be Decent without pomp or state of Discretion of my
 Executors hereafter named who I doubt not will
 manage it with all requisite prudence as to my
 worldly Estate I give & positively order that all my
 Debts be paid. Item I Give and bequeath to my
 Eldest Daughter Ann a Tract of Land Containing one
 hundred & fifty acres lying and being in Anson County
 South West of Pe Dee on the north West of Brown
 Creek joining Little Pinnacle also a survey of Land
 joining the former bequeathed land north West of
 Brown Creek Containing one hundred acres also
 a tract of Land Containing One Hundred & fifty a-
 cres lying and being in the County of Cumber-
 land on the Head Waters of Lower Little River
 above Thomas Wadsworths land Item I Give
 unto my son Dennis a Tract of Land Containing
 Two Hundred acres lying & being on the South

West of Pe Dee near the mouth of Helder fork of Brown Creek
 also a survey of Land Containing One Hundred acres at the
 head of Hogan Branch Item I Give unto my son Samuel
 One Hundred acres of Land on the lower side of Pinnacle
 joining Brown Creek also part of a tract of Land of a Hun-
 dred acres taken off a tract of Land Containing five Hun-
 dred acres now in possession of Dennis M. Clendon Junr by
 ing on back branch the waters of Brown Creek Item I Give
 unto my Daughter Rebekah Two Hundred acres of Land
 part of a tract Land Patented by Benjamin Smith Con-
 taining Three Hundred acres lying on the West side of
 Pe Dee on the East side of Helder fork Item I Give to
 my son Simon one Hundred Acres of Land lying &
 being in Cumberland County on Lower Little River
 about a mile above Shad docks Creek also a Tract of
 Land Containing One Hundred acres lying on Lower
 Little River the lower side of the River above the for-
 mer tract of land & the rest and Residue of my
 Estate to be disposed of for the raising of my debts
 above mentioned at the Discretion of William Morris
 & Joseph Colson whom I appoint & constitute to
 be Executors of this my Last Will & Testament in witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 9 Day of
 April 1774. In presence of John M. Clendon (Seal)
 Isham Ingram
 Joseph Lane
 Dennis M. Clendon

Anson County July 6th
 1774. Then this Will was
 exhibited in open Ct by the
 Executors therein named & proved
 by the oath of Isham Ingram
 & Joseph Lane witnesses thereto
 & ordered to be regist^d & Wm Morris
 Qualified as Executor.
 Nathl. Auld Ct

Samuel Blackford Will.

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Blackford of Anson County being in my perfect mind & Memory but Calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following that is to say Principally & first of all I Recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter mentioned nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God & be made immortal & as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God of His infinite mercy & goodness to bless me with in this life I Give Devise and Bequeath in manner following.

Imprimis I Give Devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rachel Blackford the use of my Plantation together with my stock of Horses Cattle Sheep Hogs &c. & my Movable Estate During her natural life or widowhood but in case she shall marry again then to descend and be disposed of as herein after Directs.

Item I Give Devise & Bequeath unto my eldest son Manning Blackford the sum of twenty shillings proclamation money to be raised out of my Estate.

Item I Give Devise & bequeath unto my son Matthew Blackford twenty shillings proclamation money to be raised out of my Estate.

Item I Give Devise & bequeath unto my Daughter Feciah Andrews twenty shillings Proclamation money to be raised out of my Estate.

Item I Give Devise & bequeath unto my two Daughters Sarah and Ruth all my Lands & Tenements & Movable Estate in Deeds & Out Doors of what nature or kind soever to be equally divided between them at the death or Marriage of their mother my dear Wife to hold to them & their heirs & assigns forever.

Lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my dear Wife Rachel & Mr. Duke Glen sole Executor & Executrix of this my Last Will & Testament & I do

heavily utterly Disallow revoke & Disannul all & every other former Will Legacies bequeaths & Executors by me in anywise before named Willed & bequeathed ratifying & Confirming this & no other to be my Last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Twentieth Day of June Anno Domini 1781.

I Give Deeds published & Declared by the Testator to be his Last Will & Testament in presence of us
Thomas Dickson
John Dickson
Reuben Braswell

Samuel Blackford (seal)

Anson County April Court
1785. Read in open Ct by the
sath of Thomas Dickson & ordered to
be Recorded. Ex^t Qualified
Rich^d Ant^y Clerk

Samuel Blackford Will.

In the name of God Amen. I Samuel Blackford of Anson County being in my perfect mind & Memory but calling to mind the mortality of my body, knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following that is to say, Principally & first of all I Recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter mentioned nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of god & be made immortal & as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased god of his infinite mercy & goodness to bless me with in this life I Give Devise and Bequeath in manner following.

Item I Give Devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rachel Blackford the use of my Plantations together with my stock of Horses Cattle Sheep Hogs &c. & my Movable Estate During her Natural life or widowhood but in case she shall marry again then to Discontinue and be disposed of as herein after Directed.

Item I Give Devise & Bequeath unto my Eldest son Manning Blackford the sum of twenty shillings proclamation money to be raised out of my Estate.

Item I Give Devise & bequeath unto my son Matthew Blackford twenty Shillings proclamation money to be raised out of my Estate.

Item I Give Devise & bequeath unto my Daughter Keiah Andrus twenty Shillings Proclamation money to be raised out of my Estate.

Item I Give Devise & bequeath unto my two Daughters Sarah and Ruth all my Lands & Tenements & Movable Estate in Deeds & Out Deeds of what nature or kind soever to be equally divided between them at the death or Marriage of their Mother my dear Wife to hold to them & their heirs & assigns forever.

Lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my dear Wife Rachel & Mr. Duke Glen sole Executor & Executors of this my Last Will & Testament & I do

hereby utterly Disallow revoke & Disannul all & every other former Will Legacies bequeaths & Executors by me in any wise before named Willed & bequeathed ratifying & Confirming this & no other to be my Last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Twentieth Day of June Anno Domini 1781.

Signed sealed published & Declared by the Testator to be his Last Will & Testament in presence of us
Thomas Dickson
John Dickson
Reuben Braswell

Samuel Blackford Seal

Anson County April Court
1785. Read in open Court by the
oath of Thomas Dickson & ordered to
be Recorded. Ex. Qualifid
Richd. Smith Clerk

Stephen Vaughn's Will

In the name of God Amen. I Stephen Vaughn of Anson County & State of North Carolina being weak in body but of a sound understanding and Perfect memory do constitute this my Last Will & Testament and Desire that it may be Received of all as such the first thing after my Body being Decently Buried I Give & bequeath to my son William Vaughn one Shilling Sterling & to my Son Harman Vaughn one Shilling Sterling and to my Daughter Sarah Vaughn one Shilling Sterling and the rest of my worldly goods I Give and bequeath without explication unto my Loving Wife Mary Vaughn thereto I set my hand seal this 15 Day of March 1785

Test
 Jeremiah Lewis
 Thomas Ewie
 Stephen Vaughn (Seal)

six years after my Death.

- Item I give to my son John to possess at the Expiration of six years my home plantation to him & his heirs forever with the Containing of one Hundred acres of Land
- Item I give to my Grand son James Seago the son of Abraham Seago one Hundred acres of Land joining George Lindseys
- Item I give to my Daughter Ann one third part of my movable Estate
- Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth two thirds of my movable Estate also will that my son Robert shall be the Executor of this my Last Will & Testament & I do hereby utterly Disannull & Revoke all other Wills & Testaments & do hereby act knowledge this to be my Last Will & Testament at Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this sixth Day of December in the year of our Lord 1784

Test
 John Seago (Seal)
 John Bonnell
 Charles for Roushingham
 Corl. Qualif

John Seago's Will

In the name of God Amen. I John Seago being weak in body but of a perfect mind & memory do constitute this my Last Will & Testament and as touching such worldly Goods & Estate as the Lord hath blessed me with in this Life I Give and Dispose of them in manner & form following

- Item I Give to my son William Two Hundred acres of land lying near Mays Mill
- Item I Give to my son Robert Seago my Home plantation with all its priviledges to peacefully possess

James Meredith's Will

In the name of God Amen. I James Meredith of Anson County and State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but of sound mind & memory do make & constitute this my Last Will and Testament and first in performance to all things I give my soul to God who gave it to me & my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken with a sure & certain Hope of the Resurrection at the Last Day & as what worldly goods it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of in the Following manner

I Item I give to my Beloved Wife Elizabeth Meredith the third Part of the tract of Land I now live on containing five hundred Acre also I Give my negro woman Fannie to my Wife during her life also I give to my Wife my bay Horse shot & my gray mare & side saddle & half my stock of Hogs also three Cows & Calves & one feather Bed & furniture & half of my Household furniture & Plantation Tools.

I Item I empower my Executors to sell as much of my Estate as will pay my Just debts.

I Item I give to my son Sanders Meredith the remainder of my Estate & the above mentioned negro Fannie & her increase after my Wife's Death & I appoint my Beloved Father James Meredith & my friend John Dismont my Executors to draw my Last Will & Testament Respecting all other Wills by me made Declaring this to be my Last Will & Testament in witness whereof I have put my hand & seal this Fourteenth Day of March one thousand seven Hundred & Eighty five.

James Meredith (Seal)

Test

David Ferguson

Arnold Barnardson

James Meredith Jr.

mark

Christopher Davis, Will.

In the name of God Amen I Christopher Davis being weak in body but of perfect mind & memory do make & Ordain this to be my Last Will & Testament first of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it to me & also my Body to the grave to be buried in a Decent & Christian like manner & as to my worldly goods wherewith God has pleased to bestow upon me I Dispose of them as follows. Vizt.

First of all I Give & bequeath to my Loving Son Arthur Davis fifty Head of Hogs all my proper mark & a Twenty five pound Horse Calature which Captain Ball Bogan sold me. I also give & bequeath to my Loving Son Thomas Davis a negro woman named Het & also a mare & Colt which is called his & also a Cow & heffer which I Bought of Joseph White & also one Rifle gun which is called his. I also give & bequeath to my Loving Daughter Sarah Benton five pounds to be raised out of my Estate. I also give & bequeath to my Loving Daughter Mary Baker five pounds to be raised out of my Estate. I also give & bequeath to my Loving Daughter Drury Braggzell five pounds to be raised out of my Estate. I also give & bequeath the Plantation wherem I now live to my Loving son John Davis & also a Cow & Calf & a feather Bed and Furniture and a Rifle Gun & also the first child the negro woman has named Het that I give to my son Thomas. I also give & bequeath to my Loving son John a Negro boy named Jack & also a Cow & Calf my proper mark & also one sorrel Horse with a black face. I also give & bequeath to my Loving son John Davis one Mare & saddle the Mare I called an Eagle Mare. I also give & bequeath to my Loving son Lewis Davis two hundred acres of Land lying on Little Brown Creek which I bought of Poland Williams & also one negro woman named Maryann after my Wife's Death & also a Cow & Yearling & also one bay mare. I also give & bequeath to my Loving Daughter Elizabeth Davis Thirty pounds to be raised out of my Estate & one Cow & Calf my proper mark & a feather Bed & Furniture & suit of Clothe. I also give & bequeath to my Loving Wife Mary Davis all the rest of my movable Estate & after her Death to be