

I also give and bequeath to my son
 Lovell Edge, etc., all my property in
 Europe, both real and personal to him
 and his heirs and assigns forever.

It is my will that my son
 Lovell shall immediately after my
 death be given up to my friend John
 Hardwicke and by him conveyed to my
 father, Richard Lovell Edge Esq.
 of Edgecombe Town, County of Lowndes,
 District for which purpose I bequeath
 unto said Hardwicke one hundred
 pounds, sterling, to be paid
 out of my property in Europe.

And, further, it is my will, and I
 do hereby nominate (and appoint my
 friend Richard Lovell Edge Esq.,
 Clerk of the County of Marlborough,
 County of Lowndes, and some Sub-
 scribe of George Town my Executor of
 this my last Will and Testament, &
 I bequeath to my wife and children
 one hundred pounds sterling. I bestow
 to set my hand and seal this
 twenty third day of November in the
 fifth year of George the fourth, one thousand seven
 hundred and ninety six.

Witness my hand & delivred Richard Edge Esq. and
 in the presence of
 James Thompson
 James Edge Esq.
 James Pearson

State of North Carolina
Durham County

To William Priest and Charles
 Brown, Esq. of Georgetown, South Car-
 olinia.

In receiving special trust and
 confidence in your integrity and ability
 as my true friends, nominees, and
 agents you the said William
 Priest and Charles Brown, Commission-
 ers with full power to cause some
 Deed to be drawn before you at
 such time and place as you may
 appoint and him to examine on oath

the due execution of the instru-
 ment of writing hereto annexed pre-
 porting to be the last Will and Tes-
 tament of Richard Edge Esq. and
 his examination so taken under your
 hands and seals to be read to the
 next County Court of Orange and Quarter
 Session to be held for the said Coun-
 ty of Orange at the Court house in
Warrenton on the third Monday in
January next.

Witness, William Pearson, Clerk of said
 Court at Office the third Monday
 in October in the 11th year of Anne-
 Can Independence and Commence 1796.
James Pearson Ch.

State, South Carolina, Georgetown District.

Personally appeared James Pearson, who
 being duly sworn says he saw Richard
 Edge Esq. execute the will hereto
 annexed and that he the said
 Deponent sign his name as an
 (over)

The above half,

I give and bequeath to my wife for term of life and after the death of my loving wife Lucy Clark, I give and bequeath to my youngest son Benjamin Clark, the above said whole parts of said tract as much to him and his heirs forever, and the same parts of each tract, I give and bequeath to my son John Clark to him and his heirs forever.

I give to my son John Clark one feather bed and furniture, one cow, one calf and one horse, and the feather bed and furniture likewise I give to him after his death.

I give to my son John Clark one black horse and colt, two cows and calves, one feather bed and furniture, one negro man named Harry after the death of my loving wife to him and his heirs forever.

I give to my daughter Lucy Clark one cow, one calf and saddle, one feather bed and furniture.

I give to my son Benjamin Clark one cow, one calf, two cows and calves, one feather bed and furniture.

I give and bequeath to my son Robert Clark one constant cow, which on his paying one hundred and twenty dollars to my son Benjamin if the horse should not die in his life, or if he should die, or if he should be collected for my son Benjamin Clark and the Executors of his estate, to purchase a negro girl with part of the said sum, for him and for the use of my wife as long as she lives, the other part of the said sum to the death of my wife to be

equally divided between Robert Clark, Polly Clark, John Hamer, Lucy Clark & likewise at his death the two and share to be divided equally between John and Benjamin Clark.

I give and bequeath to my son John & Benjamin Clark, one share of land and their heirs forever, and they shall let Robert Clark, Francis Clark and William Baymore to pick for as much as they want for their own use, the better provision and food of all kind I leave to my loving wife during her natural life and that to my two sons John and Benjamin Clark to be equally divided between them and their heirs. I constitute and appoint my loving wife and son Robert Clark to be my executors and administrators of this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day Dec. 1795 in the presence of

Francis Clark, my son
William Baymore
James Clark

James Clark
Lucy Clark

the upper half,

- I give and bequeath to my wife for term of
 life and after the death of my Indian wife say
 Clark - she and her heirs the my household and
 Benjamin Clark the above with some parts of
 some tracts of land to him and his heirs
 forever, and the land and of each tract
 - she and her heirs to my son John Clark
 to him and his heirs forever.
 I give to my said wife one Indian
 bed and furniture one or more and one
 small man and one fox in the stock
 of cattle and horse and some ride
 with her down the river and over to
 my son Benjamin Clark - him and his
 heirs forever and the feather bed and
 furniture likewise to him after
 his death.
 I give to my son John Clark one black
 horse and colts, two cows and calves
 one Indian bed and furniture, one
 negro man named Harry after the death
 of my Indian wife to him and his heirs
 forever.
 I give to my daughter Lucy Clark one
 cow mare and saddle and bridle two
 cows and calves, one bed and furniture.
 I give to my son Benjamin Clark one
 barrel colts, two cows and calves, one feather
 bed and furniture.
 I give and to my son Robert Clark one
 Chestnut barrel stork on his paying one hundred
 and twenty dollars to my son Benjamin if the
 horse should not die or be stolen so the son
 that is due on notes to be collected for my
 son Benjamin Clark and the Executors to
 purchase a negro girl with part of the
 back for him and for the use of my wife
 as long as she lives, the other part of the
 note at the death of my wife to be

The upper half,

then I give and bequeath to my wife for term of
life and after the death of my loving wife my
Clark. I give and bequeath to my youngest son
Benjamin Clark the same with other parts of
said tract, as same to him and his heirs
forever, and the same parts of each tract,
- give and bequeath to my son John Clark
to him and his heirs, forever.

Two - five for my wife's hair - one feather
but not sufficient for my mane - but one
good mane will suit her - let the stock
of the hair be a good one - like
the hair of the horses and colts of
my son Benjamin - black - him and his
hair - and the feather for and
signature likewise send to him after
his death.

Item I give to my son John Clark one black horse and eight two cows and calves one white hea and some swine, one negro man named Harry after the death of my loving wife to him and his heirs forever.

2 give to my daughter Lucy Clark one
bar man and cascade and mill, two
cows and calves, one bed and furniture.

Item I give to my son Benjamin Clark one
corral Colt, two cows and calves, one feather
bed and furniture.

Then I give and to my son Robert Clark one
Chestnut barrel stick in his paying one hundred
and twenty dollars to my son Benjamin if the
horse should not die in 60 days. So the note
that is due on note to be collected for my
son Benjamin Clark and the Executors to
purchase a negro girl with part of the
cash for him and for the use of my wife
as long as she lives, the other part of the
note at the death of my wife to be

equally divided between Robert Clark, Polig
Clark, Mrs. Hamer, Lucy Clark & likewise at
his death the boys and sheep to be divided
equally between John and Benjamin Clark.

Then I gave and bequeathed to my sons John + Benjamin Clark, the picture to them and their heirs forever only they chose out Robert Clark, Francis Clark and William they went to fish for as many as they want of this good mouse, the better furniture and tools of all kind I want to my loving wife during her natural life and that to her two sons John and Benjamin Clark to be equally divided between them and their heirs. I constitute and appoint my loving wife and son Robert Clark to be my executors and administrators. This my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day Dec. 1795 in the presence of

Francis Clark, M.D.

William - Wynne

James C. Brown

Bessie Lusk

Last Will

In the name of God, amen.

I have been a of Westminster County
being sick and weak & only but thanks
to God of some mind and memory do
renew this to be my last will and Testament
in manner and form following (said)

I give unto my wife Mary & her son,
one negro girl named Ely, her choice of my
kds, the cows and calves and my choice
mare that I purchased of my brother William
McFerson to her and her heirs and assigns for
ever - I will give and for the use of my
third part of the land and plantation & negro
live on -

Then I give unto my daughter L. Williams
my negro woman named Sarah and her
two children, one bed and furniture, two
cass-coats all which are in possession
to her and her heirs, and assigns forever

June 4 give unto my dear little Frances Santeiro
we now will possess July, one bed and
furniture and two cords and calves which
she has in possession to her and her
sister and various things.

Then I give into my daughter Centrey Sandefer
the mares are named Rachel, one bed &
furniture, two cows and calves which she
has in possession to her and her heirs and
assigns forever.

Then I gave unto an son, Flowers McLean, one negro he named Peter, one bed and furniture, two cows and calves which he was in possession to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

There I give unto my daughter Jean Brown, one
miss toy named Jacob, one bed and furniture
two cows and calves which she has in possession
to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

John I give unto my son ^{William} He Oregon, one negro boy
named Brown and all the land I possess in the
County of Multnomah - only that my wife is to
have the one third for all as heretofore men-
tioned to her and her heirs and assigns
forever. —

Then I give unto my daughter Elizabeth ¹⁷20 y^{rs} or
the more nearly named Liza and her
child named Charity I then increase to
her and her heirs and assigns forever.
I likewise give unto my said daughter
Elizabeth one more girl named Mary &
her increase to her and her heirs and
assigns forever —

My Will and desire is that all the rest and residue of my estate of whatever nature or kind is ever not heretofore given away be sold on a non est basis for the benefit of my estate and after the discharge of my debts, the remainder is, and to be equally divided among all my children and I do hereby appoint my son-in-law John Landolt my Executor to this my last Will and Testament, making all former wills heretofore by me made.

In witness I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 3rd day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety four.

In presence of
Mrs. Cries
Adam Lockhart

John McEggon

Between Fielden Jewett } July Court, 1797.
Record by T. Robertson Cl.
The 25th day

Mary Clarke Will.

In the name of God Amen.

I Mary Clarke of the County of Anson and in the State of North Carolina being of sound mind and perfect memory, do make this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form as follows. (viz)

I do give and bequeath unto my three sons William Clark, Andy Clark and Benjamin Clark, all the lands that was given to me by my father, lying and being on Sander Creek.

I also will that my son William Clark & his heirs should be laid off to include his improvements.

I also will that all the residue of said land to be equally divided between Andy Clark and Benjamin Clark.

I also will that my three sons above named shall pay unto my daughter Hanna Webb twenty dollars to be paid next after or within two years after my death.

I also will that my three sons above named shall pay unto the heirs of my daughter Elizabeth Wilson half twenty dollars next after or within two years of my death.

I hereby appoint my wife worthy sons and friend Executors to said Will. This 9th of July 1821

Mary Clark, Test
 her husband

Signed sealed & delivered
 in the presence of us

Hiram Clark
 Christopher Clark

Anson County Apr. Term 1822

Then this will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Christopher Clark a subscribing witness & ordered to be recorded

W. Drimmer, C. C.

John Gorman's Will

Dec. 2 day 1818

In the name of God, amen.

I John Gorman of the County of Anson
and State of North Carolina being in
a low state of health, but in a sound
mind and memory thanks be given unto
God for the same, calling unto mind the
mortality of body and knowing that it is
appointed for all men once to die I do
make and ordain this my last Will &
Testament, that is to say, principally &
first to all, - give and recommend
my soul into the hand of Almighty God
that gave it and my body I recommend
to the earth to be buried in a decent
Christian manner and at the discretion
of my Executors, having at the several
burials I shall receive the same again
by the mighty power of God.

As touching my worldly estate as blessed
God to bless me with in this life,
I give, devise and bequeath to the
same in the following manner, to wit.

First, I give to my loving wife all of
my estate during her life or widowhood
with the land and plantation whereon I now
live, and after her death.

- give my son Hollingsworth Gorman the
land and plantation whereon I now live, one
hundred and fifty acres more or less and
I give to my son-in-law Robert Chappell
five shillings sterling and no more of my
estate and after my wife's death the re-
mainder part of my estate to be equally
divided among all of my children,
Mary Ann Richards and William Gorman
and Fanner My and Hollingsworth
Gorman and Ester Chappell children -

Trupee Gorman, I give to him one hundred
acres of land it being the lower part of my
land, and one feather bed and furniture.
Jesse Gorman and James Chappel and
Benny Chasen - John Chasen - Elizabeth
Chasen and Estling Chappell and then
his key children to have his part of my
estate to be equally divided among them and
also I give to James Chappel at the age of
twenty one years, one horse, bridle and
saddle to be worth forty dollars.

I desire that Fanner My should have
her part in money as the negroes may not
be parted so far.
I hereby constitute, make and ordain my
wife Fanner Gorman and William Gorman
my executors of this my last Will and Testa-
ment and I do hereby disallow, revoke &
disannul all and every other former tes-
tament, Will, legacy, bequest and executor
by me in this before mentioned and
confirming this and no other to be my
last Will and Testament -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this 2 day of Dec.
in the year of our Lord, one thousand
eight hundred and sixteen.

Signed, sealed & delivered by the said
John Gorman as his last Will and
Testament and in presence of us

Reuben Phillips
James ^{his} Chappel
Elizabeth ^{make} Chappel

John ^{his} Gorman
mark

Mrs. Jane Gorman came into court and
securing the right as executrix of to the
last Will & Testament of John Gorman dec
Test - A. Little, D.C. Jane ^{new} Gorman
mark

April Term 1822.

That the within Will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Reuben Phillips as subscribing witness, and ordered to be recorded. W. Dammick Clerk.

Asa Pearce's Will.

In the name of God amen.
I Asa Pearce of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina, being weak & old, I thank God sound and perfect mind and memory, thank God for the same do this 2nd day of August 1822 make and establish this my last will & testament in manner and form following.

First, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Pearce, all my lands lying north of the Spring branch and on both sides of Lane's Creek during her natural life and widowhood and then to be equally divided between my two sons Asa & Jesse Pearce & if my wife should be survived by another son my wish is not he should have an equal part of the for- said land and I further give to my beloved wife my three negroes, Hannah, Sarah & Kate during her natural life or widowhood and then to be equally divided amongst all my lawful children.

I give to my son William Pearce one cow and six and a certain lot of land lying south of the Spring branch and adjoining the land of Redden Sims, Wm Sharp and Abraham Holm & John Warren. I further give to my wife all my stock of cattle, horses, and hogs & sheep also during her natural life or widowhood. And I hereby appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Pearce my Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date above written.

Witness
D. E. Brittain

Wm Johnson Justice

Asa Pearce
mark

Orson County - October Session, 1822.
That the within will was duly proven
in our Court by the oath of J. E. Fithian
a subscribing witness and ordered to be recorded
D. Thompson, Clerk

Laurence Moore's Will.

North Carolina } I Laurence Moore being
sane and of sound mind that it is god
pointed for me once
to die, make and ordain this my last
will.

- Item 1st I lend to my beloved wife Bitha the land
and plantation whereon I now live dur-
ing her natural life and ten negroes her
chose, two beds and furniture her choice.
- Item 2nd I lend to my son Dickinson Moore, the
land and plantation whereon he now
lives during his - bounded by the creek &
a dividing line between him and
John Moore also the negroes he has in
his possession during his natural life
and his death to be equally divided
between his children all the rest of the
good and effects I have already given
him to him and his heirs forever.
- Item 3rd It is my will and desire that my son
John have the land and plantation whereon
he now lives continuing ten hundred and
fifty acres and the negroes he has in
his possession to him and his heirs forever.
- Item 4th It is my will and desire that the balance
of my lands be equally divided between
the balance of my sons and the residue
of my estate to be equally divided be-
tween the rest of my sons and two daugh-
ters and to receive it as they come
of age or marry.
- Signed this 14 Nov. 80 - Laurence Moore

It is my will that John administer
on my estate with my beloved
wife Bitha Moore - L. Moore

(over)

7. B.

That Dickinson ~~more~~ have nothing
to do with any thing but what have left
him.

Mary Lenoir Will.

In the name of God amen.
I Mary Lenoir in the State of North
Carolina, Anson County, being of sound
mind and memory do make and ordain
this my last Will & Testament in manner
and form as following, that is to say,
First, I will that all my debts and fun-
eral charges be paid and discharged by
my Executors herein after mentioned &
as to my worldly estate I give and
devise the same in manner and form
as followeth —

I give unto my daughter Mildred El-
son, two negroes named Post and Sockey.
I will that one negro living be equally di-
vided between my two grand children
Berley and Harriet Colson.
I give one negro named Amy to be divid-
ed between Harriet and Joseph Threadgill,
Cabin to have five pounds out of said
Amy.

I give Jonas B. Colson one negro boy Ele-
man to have same to hold.

I give unto the heirs of my daughter Betty
five pounds each and I also give unto my
three grand daughters, that is to say, Elmirah
and Elizabeth and Charity one negro
woman named Lany & her child & Celestine &
Lary.

I also appoint my son in law Thos Colson my
Executor to this my last Will & Testament re-
voking all other Wills heretofore made. This
order made in my hand & seal this 22nd day
of Feb 1841.

Mary Lenoir ^{her} ~~mark~~
Signed in the presence of ^{three} friends

Harriet Colson

Thos. Threadgill

I also give one further
bid to my grandson Kirby B. Colson
Thos. Threadgill Harriet Colson Mary Lenoir
Thos. Threadgill

Ruben Maddy's Will -

In the name of God, Amen. I Ruben Maddy of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina being through the abundant mercy and goodness of God of a sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last will and testament and desire it may be received all as such. First, I most humbly beseech my soul to God my Maker beseeching his most precious atonement for it, through the all sufficient merits & mediation of his most compassionate Redeemer, Jesus Christ who gave himself to be an atonement for my sins and is able to save to the utmost.

In this hope and confidence I commend up my soul with comfort, humbly beseeching the most blessed and glorious Trinity, one God, most holy and merciful to prepare me for the time of my dissolution and to take me to himself into that peace and rest and incomparable felicity which he has prepared for all that love and fear his holy name, Amen. Hence be said - I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection at the last day.

As for my burial I desire it may be left at the discretion of my dear wife and children who I doubt not will manage it without request or trouble.

As to my worldly estate, I will and desire that all my debts be paid.

First I do give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Maddy, my tract of land whereon I now live containing two hundred and sixty acres, it being a tract of which I had of Charles Coppelge.

I also leave my stock of all kinds to my said son Joseph, also all my household furniture except a bed for each of three my daughters, Lucy, Mary and Jenny.

The above mentioned property which I have bequeathed to my son Joseph shall be his, his heirs or assigns forever, on condition that he stay and keep his mother in law during life and his two sisters, Lucy and Mary whilst they remain single.

But if he should die without an heir, then my property is to be equally divided among all my children.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of March in the year of our Lord 1773.

Witness
Bartholomew L. Maddy. Ruben Maddy, Test

Anson County - January Session 1773 -
Then this will was proved in our court by Joseph White, Esq. proving the hand writing of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded - W. Thompson, Clerk

John Smith's Will.

In the name of God, amen. I, John Smith of the County of Union & State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die - do make and ordain this to be my last Will & Testament in the manner following. viz -

Item, I bequeath my body to the dust to be buried in a Christian manner and my soul to God who gave it.

Item I have given to my son Daniel, one negro, boy, that he have one Bill of Sale to also a tract of of land - which is in - the same tract.

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Smith, two Negro boys, boy & Charles with him he returns to send them.

Item I have given my daughter Sarah, one negro boy named Sam and one negro girl named Mary in and of her part.

Item I do give and bequeath to my wife Mary two Negroes, Tom and Roe & likewise all the young negroes now in the named for some that purpose remain in her possession until the children are come to years of maturity and at this time at mature years to receive an equal portion of the young stock I make exclusion of the said Tom & Roe which is fully to be my wife's property, but in case my wife should marry I will that said young negroes & children shall not be removed out of the County, but shall be carefully educated & proper care taken of their property until they are married or receiving it in their own possession at the discretion & direction of my Executors & also one half of a negro that is on the land of Martha Clark formerly (Bergs) and also some

other estate of Mournings Burges, all which property is to be divided amongst my youngest children as before directed to, Jonathan, Trifahn Patey, Elizabeth, Henry and Mary. -

Item I will that negro Sam & Perry be sold to discharge my debts, also one my cow & as much of the other kind of stock as will be sufficient to discharge all my debts & funeral charges & the horse & mule & the balance of the other stock to be left to support the family & raise up the young children & also the said little house & improvements to be received by my wife during her natural life or widowhood after the land to be equally divided among the four boys above named.

Item I will that my wife also hold all the crop house hold furniture of all description & farming tools of every kind for to assist in raising and educating the six above named children.

I also here mention that my eldest son William and my eldest daughter now named Mary Cooke have both received their full part.

I hereby appoint as my Executors to this my last Will & Testament to, Nathaniel and Joshua Brooks.

Signed in the presence of us who are the subscribing witnesses on the 1st Nov. 1822.

John Smith
Daniel Smith
Elizabeth Price

Thomas Adcock's Will (523)

In the name of God, amen.

I Thomas Adcock of the County of Person, in the State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God for his mercies - do this day being the eight of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, make and publish this to be my last will and testament, in manner following, that is to say -

First I recommend my soul to the Almighty God who gave it, and my body to be decently buried in the discretion of my Executors hereafter to be named and as to my worldly estate in will and desire is, that it should be divided as follows -

First my will and desire is that all my unpaid debts be paid. from the sales of this mass of house and of that should not be sufficient to pay my just and lawful debts, my will and desire is that my Executors to sell whatever else of my property they think best to a sufficient amount -

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Adcock during her life or widowhood all my land wherever I now live, also with all my stock of cattle hogs and geese together with the bay mare, also my household and kitchen furniture.

My will and desire is that upon the death or widowhood of my wife Sarah Adcock that all my land be equally divided between my two sons, John and Thomas Adcock.

My will and desire is that after the death or widowhood of my wife Sarah Adcock, that the stock of cattle hogs and geese with the bay mare, together with all the

household and kitchen furniture with the plantation tools of every description to be sold. the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my six daughters, Mary, Mary, Sarah, Frances, Mary, and Sarah, and to be paid to them by my Executors, William Adcock and Henry Adcock. I declare this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the said Thomas Adcock have to this my last will and testament set my hand and signed my seal the day and year first above written.

Witnessed by the said Thomas Adcock

Witnessed by the said Thomas Adcock

Witnessed by the said Thomas Adcock

Godfrey Burnetts Will.

In the name of God, amen.

I Godfrey Burnetts of Mason County and State of North Carolina being in my right mind and considering that I must die, do make this my last will and testament - after consulting by both to the ground and my soul to God thus gave it, and after all my just debts are paid, - do give and bequeath to Ezra Allen and William Allen, son and daughter of Lilliston Allen my negro girl Diana and her increase to be equally divided between them when the said son Allen comes to the age of 21 years - also my man and cart to the above named Ezra and William Allen -

Item I give and bequeath to Betty and Betsey Allen daughters of Lilliston Allen my negro girl Betsy and her increase to be equally divided between them when Betty arrives at the age of 21 years -

Item I give and bequeath to all the children of Jeremiah Burnetts my three negroes to wit: Eve and Fanny and Randal to be equally divided when the eldest child arrives at the age of 21 years one year, also all the wearing clothes of my deceased wife to Lilliston Allen from children above named, also all my working tools and wheels and cards and scutcher and looms also all my beds and furniture to be equally divided between the four above named children of Lilliston Allen also all my stock of cattle and hogs and fowls to the said four children of the above said Lilliston Allen.

Item I give all that part of my land on the west side of Little Creek to Jeremiah Burnetts children to be equally divided between them, and all that part of my land on the

east side of Little Creek to Lilliston Allen's children to be equally divided between them -

Also I appoint and constitute John Wimpica and William Burnetts, Executors of this my last will and Testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord 1723 -

Godfrey Burnetts.

My wife Allen
James Marshall
Rich^d L. Randle
Wmth Tishier

Done at Newcom, April term 1723 -

Then this will was duly proven in open Court by Richard Randle and Wmth Tishier and ordered to be recorded.

J. Wimpica, Clerk.

William Shepherd's Will.

In the name of God, Amen.
 I, William Shepherd State, North Carolina,
 known County. I being weak in body but
 sound in mind and memory.
 First - Commit my soul to God who save
 it and my body to the earth from whence
 it came and as touching my estate God
 hath blessed me with I leave and dispose
 of the same in manner following -

First, I leave my land mill and plan-
 tations to the wife with a sufficiency of my plan-
 tations to my household furniture and money
 to be used to maintain her for her the male
 child to support herself and children that
 live with her during her life or widowhood
 or if she marries to have a child's part.
 I also will that William Shepherd be made
 equal with John and Michael Shepherd, I
 will that Hugh, Isaac, Franky and Nancy
 Shepherd when they marry or leave their mother
 be made equal with the same three children
 if there is enough and as they grow up and
 leave my wife for them to be made equal
 with the rest as the estate will hold out leav-
 ing her still a sufficiency to support her and
 the rest of the children and their at her death
 a maintenance, but if she marries to have a
 child's part, then for all the children to be
 made as equal as possible and if any left
 to be equally divided among them also. And now
 I declare this and this only to be my last
 will and Testament.

In witness my hand and seal this 15th
 day of Dec. 1822. I also appoint my wife
 Elizabeth Shepherd and Jesse Givellin and
 Michael Shepherd if needed to execute my
 will and manage my affairs the day

and date above written.

Test.

John Williams
 Peter Black

Wm Shepherd

Duron County Court Session 1823.
 When this will was duly proven in open
 court by the oath of John Williams subscribing
 witness and advised to be recorded.
 H. S. S. Clerk.

Elisha Kindred's Will.

In the name of God, amen.
 I Elisha Kindred of North Carolina, Amherst County, being very sick and to all appearance near death, but perfect in mind and memory, do make and devise and constitute this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows:—

And first, I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it, and my body to the earth from whence it was taken, and as for those worldly goods which it has pleased Almighty God to bestow on me, I dispose of them in manner and form as follows, to wit: I do give and devise that all my estate both real and personal be sold on twelve months credit, and all my just debts paid, and what may be over paying my debts, is to my will and mine that it be equally divided among my wife and children to share and their heirs forever; and I hereby revoke all wills by me heretofore made, and I appoint my trust friend Daniel Gould Jr. and my son Frank Kindred my executors to this my last will and Testament as witnesses my hand and seal this 18th of June, 1823.

Daniel Gould Jr.
 Frank Kindred
 Elisha Kindred, Seal

Mumford DeFornatt's Will.

I Mumford DeFornatt do on this first day of August 1823, make this my last will and Testament.

I will and bequeath to my wife and four children, all my estate, real and personal, and I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Frank DeFornatt executor, and my son John D. DeFornatt, executor of this my last will and Testament, and I hereby authorize and empower them to sell any part of my estate real or personal as to them shall seem most expedient.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date above.

Mumford DeFornatt, Seal
 by J. B. Billings, at his request.

Amherst County - October Session 1823.

Then this will was duly proven in open Court by the oath of those who were sworn to be recorded.

J. D. DeFornatt, Clerk

The Will of William Carr, Esq.

In the name of God, amen. I William Carr being of sound and perfect mind and memory, do thus the 21 day of January in the year of our Lord 1723 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say —

I give and bequeath to my daughter Pateen a negro girl named Harriot. I likewise give and bequeath to my daughter Betsey one more girl named Tancee.

I give my Executors to all the tract of land which I bought to John S. 1722 upon a credit to be paid by installment so as to

at the demands against me, but if my Executors cannot effect a sale of the said land so as to satisfy the demands against my estate, in that case they are empowered to sell any part of my property (with the exception of the above named negro girl) or so to dispose of it as they think best to pay all just and legal claims which may come against my estate. —

After all my just debts are paid out of my estate the balance of my property I wish should be divided between my wife Judith and my five children Pateen Betsey Burrell, Benjamin, and William as follows —

I wish my wife to live on the land where I now live together with the children and as they get married or become of age, an equal division of the remaining property to take place, and one share to be given to the child who should come of age or marry. I likewise wish, after the present crop is made and housed all the crop stock and furniture to be sold previous one year or previous for my wife and children.

That my youngest child get married or become of age the remaining property to be equally divided between him and my wife. And I hereby make and ordain my friend Joseph Pickett, William Johnson, John King, John Watson and Rich. King Executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said William Carr have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and date above written.

Wm Carr. *[Signature]*

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said William Carr the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us, who are present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Benjamin Brainerd.

John D. McPhee.

May Buchanan.

Anson County - October Session 1723.

This will was then shown in Court by the oath of Benjamin D. McPhee and ordered to be recorded.

W. D. Brainerd. *[Signature]*

Redding Simms Will.

In the name of God, Amen. I Redding Simms of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and perfect memory, thanks be to God for it, have made and devised this my last will and testament, which runs as follows.

I give and bequeath to my brother Edward Simms four thirds of my estate for his part.

I give to my beloved mother, Martha Simms one negro woman during her natural life, by the name of Sally, and at her death, I give her to John Simms' lawful heirs.

I give to my brother Joel Simms during his natural life four negroes viz. Jerry, Gilbert, Caroline and Mariah and at his death, I give them to my nephew John Simms son of John Simms. I also give to Joel Simms one third part of all my lands lying in Anson County and State aforesaid to his own proper use.

I give and bequeath to my sister Emily Simms one hundred dollars of my estate to her own proper use.

I give and bequeath to my sister Polly Carrott wife of John Carrott of Anson County, one negro man by the name of Jim also one third of all my land lying in Anson County to her own proper use.

I give to my sister Penny Lloyd of South Carolina three negroes (viz) Natana, Wiga and Liza also one third part of all my lands lying in Anson County and at her death I give the above property to her lawful heirs of her body.

I give to my brother John Simms the living property of two negroes (viz) Tom and Jeph to be sold in North Carolina, Wake

County by my executors at twelve months credit also two hundred and fifty dollars in cash all to his own proper use.

I give and bequeath to my sister Hannah Thompson, wife of Nathaniel Thompson of Wake County and State aforesaid the following property (viz) two negroes by the names of Cindy and Topsy to her own proper use.

I give to my sister Peter Parker wife of Edward Ricketts, one negro girl by the name of Fiddy, and at her death I give her and her increase to the lawful heirs of her body.

I give to my brother Berry D. Simms two negroes by the names of Solomon and Peter both men, also six hundred and fifty acres of land in the County of Wake and on the waters of White Oak Creek to his own proper use. The land will be by Arthur Cook.

I give to my niece Sally Simms daughter of John Simms one negro girl by the name of Candice to her own proper use.

The balance of my property consisting of stock of horses, cattle, hogs, and sheep with my household and kitchen furniture, plantation utensils with my crop of corn, fodder, wheat and cotton, I leave with my executors out of which my first debts are to be paid and the residue, if any, I give to John Simms' lawful heirs, one male executed by the name of Jack which I give to Berry D. Simms.

I do hereby nominate and appoint Berry D. Simms of Wake County and John Carrott of Anson County my lawful executors to this my last will and testament.

Redding Simms (Test)
Signed, sealed in the presence of us.

Nathan Dwyer
Jeremiah Dwyer
W. J. Allen

November 6th 1823.

Redding Simms Will.

In the name of God, amen. I Redding Simms of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and perfect memory thanks be to God for it, have this now and forever this my last will and Testament, which runs as follows.

I give and bequeath to my brother Amos Simms four thirds of my estate for his part.

I give to my beloved mother, Martha Simms one negro woman during her natural life, by the name of Sally, and at her death I give her to my brother Amos Simms.

I give to my brother Joel Simms during his natural life four negroes viz Harry, Silbert, Rachel and Mariah and at his death I give them to my nephew Redding Simms son of Joel Simms. I also give to Joel Simms one third part of all my lands lying in Anson County and State aforesaid to his own proper use.

I give and bequeath to my sister Emily Simms one hundred dollars of my estate to her own proper use.

I give and bequeath to my sister Polly Garrett wife of William Garrett of Anson County, one negro man by the name of John also one third of all my land lying in Anson County to her own proper use.

I give to my sister Penny Lloyd of South Carolina three negroes viz Patience, Bija and Niggy also one third part of all my lands lying in Anson County and at her death I give the above property to her lawful heirs of her body.

I give to my brother John Simms the rising prophets of two negroes viz Tom and Eph to be sold in North Carolina, Wake

County by my executors at Twelve months credit. Also two hundred and fifty dollars in cash all to his own proper use.

I give and bequeath to my sister Thomas Thompson, wife of Nathaniel Thompson of Wake County and State aforesaid the following property viz two negroes by the names of Linda and Tempy to her own proper use.

I give to my sister Peter Bisher wife of Edward Bisher's, one negro girl by the name of Fido, and at her death I give her and her increase to the lawful heirs of her body.

I give to my brother Berry D. Simms two negroes by the names of Solomon and Peter both men, also six hundred and fifty acres of land in the County of Wake and on the waters of White Oak Creek to his own proper use the land will be by his own cost.

I give to my niece Sally Simms daughter of Joel Simms one negro girl by the name of Canais to her own proper use. The balance of my property consisting of stock of horses, cattle, hogs, and sheep with my household and kitchen furniture, plantation utensils with my crop of corn, tobacco, wheat and cotton, I leave with my executors out of which my first debts are to be paid and the residue, if any, I give to my brother Amos Simms's lawful heirs, one mule excepted by the name of Jack which I give to Berry D. Simms.

I do hereby nominate and appoint Berry D. Simms of Wake County and William Garrett of Anson County my lawful executors to this my last will and Testament.

Redding Simms Test
Signed, sealed and in the presence of me.

Nathan Lacy
Jeremiah Dunn
W. J. Allen

November 6th 1823.

John Knotts Will.

In the name of God amen - I John Knotts of the County of Anson and in the State of North Carolina being sound and well of mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament.

I do will and bequeath unto my loving wife Polly Knotts all my property both real and personal during her widowhood and after her marriage or death - it is my will that the whole of the property be divided equally between my four youngest sons, namely, Burton Knotts, Duren Knotts, Jonathan Knotts and John Reuben Knotts - It is also my will that if either one or more of them should die without a lawful heir that the property be divided equally between the survivors or surviving brother or brothers.

It is also my will that if John Ould should redeem a certain negro girl named Peg which is now in my possession that the said negro if received from said Ould shall be put to the use of purchasing another negro which negro shall be put to the sole use and purpose as above mentioned.

It is also my wish and desire that my four sons, Burton, Duren, and Jonathan & Reuben should have education as much as may be convenient and that my wife Polly Knotts defray the expense of said schooling out of the general stock of property in her hands.

It is also my will that my wife and desire that my son James Knotts and my daughter Elizabeth Wilson shall have no part of my estate as having been formerly promoted.

I do also herein and appoint my loving wife Polly Knotts my lawful 'Exectrix' to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

Witness

John Parmenter.

Sam^l Spencer.

Wm. Blumett.

John Knotts, Test

Anson - Jan. Session 1824

That the above Will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Samuel Spencer is subscribing witness and ordered to be recorded.

At Testimony, etc.

James Sinclair Will.

In the name of God, Amen.

I James Sinclair of the County of Sussex & State of North Carolina being weak in body, but in perfect senses and memory, think it good to Revise my will, as follows I do hereby make this will.

First, then after recommending my soul to God and my body being decently buried - I give and bequeath to my dear wife, Abby my land and plantation and all my silver and household furniture during her natural life, and at her decease the said land to be equally divided between my two sons, Benjamin and Tobias and my cows & household furniture to be equally divided between my six daughters but negro woman in the name of Fanny also to belong to my said wife during her natural life and at her decease the said negro and her increase is any to be sold and equally divided between my six daughters. my working tools to belong to my said wife - To my son Abel I give three dollars - In witness my hand this eleventh day of February 1844.

I appoint my dear wife and my son Abel, Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

James Sinclair
Test-
Thomas Lewis
Tollman Jr. Deputes

Amen, April 1st 1844.

That this Will was duly proven in our court by the oath of Tollman Deputes & ordered to be recorded.

W. Dismore, Clerk.

A certified copy of Allen Chapman's Will - State of North Carolina.

I Allen Chapman of the District of Specterville in the State of North Carolina do make make and publish this as my last Will and Testament in manner following -

I desire that the whole of my real and personal estate be kept together and conveyed by my Executors in such way as to them shall seem most expedient and most for the benefit of my family, until all my debts are paid, and until my son Simon shall arrive at the age of sixteen years at which period the same shall be divided as herein after directed, but in case any of my children should marry and settle before the death of my family, my Executors are hereby directed to give to each child a portion of my money and such as may be equal as long as it want I have hitherto since to my daughters, Ann or Betsey on their marriage.

I desire that part of my family who may be unmarried should not as hitherto continue to reside together, but should any of them reside all where them with my wife, then my Executors are authorized to make to such child no paying any reasonable monthly allowance in money or otherwise as they may judge necessary to the maintenance of such child, but so long as the whole continue to reside together, I desire that they may be provided as one family and my Executors are to make such provision for them as they may have been accustomed to in my late time if the same can be made out of the profits of my estate -

When my son Simon arrives at the age of sixteen years, my estate shall be divided in the following manner, (to wit)

James Sinclair Will.

In the name of God, Amen.
 I, James Sinclair of the County of Anson &
 State of North Carolina being weak in body,
 but in perfect sense and memory, think it
 good to make my will, and do hereby declare I do
 hereby make this will.
 First then after recommending my soul to
 God and my body being decently buried —
 I give and bequeath to my said wife, Abigail
 my said said plantation and all my said
 said household furniture during her natural
 life, and at her decease the said land to
 be equally divided between my two sons,
 Leitch and Tobias and my said
 house hold furniture to be equally divided
 between my said daughter and negro woman
 in the name of Leah also to belong to my
 said wife during her natural life and at
 her decease the said negro and her increase
 is to be sold and equally divided be-
 tween my said daughter, my working tools
 are to belong to my said wife —
 To my son Leitch I give three dollars —
 At witness my hand this twentieth day of
 February 1824.

I appoint my dear wife and my son
 Leitch, Executors to this my last Will and Testament.
 James Sinclair

Test-
 Thomas Lewis
 William H. Pickens

Anson, North Carolina
 When this Will was duly proven in said court
 by the oath of William Pickens & ordered to
 be recorded
 W. H. Pickens, Clerk.

A certified copy of Allen Chapman's Will.
 State of North Carolina.

I, Allen Chapman
 of the District of Spectator in the State of
 North Carolina do make, make and publish this
 as my last Will and Testament in
 manner following —
 I desire that the whole of my real and per-
 sonal estate be kept together and enclosed
 by my Executors in such way as to them
 shall seem most prudent and most for the
 benefit of my family, until my last debt
 are paid, and until my son Linton shall
 arrive at the age of sixteen years at which
 period the same shall be divided as herein
 after directed, but in case any of my chil-
 dren should marry and settle out from the
 rest of my family, my Executors are hereby
 directed to allot to each child a portion
 of my negro and ever as nearly equal
 as they can to what I have heretofore given
 to my daughters, and as to my son Linton
 I desire that part of my family who may
 be unmarried should not as heretofore con-
 tinue to reside together, but should any of
 them reside elsewhere than with my wife,
 then my Executors are authorized to make to
 such child so residing any reasonable in-
 come allowance in money or otherwise as
 they may judge necessary to the maintenance
 of such child, but so long as the whole con-
 tinue to reside together, I desire that they
 may be supported as one family and my
 Executors are to make such provisions for
 them so they may have been accustomed to
 in my late time, if the same can be done
 out of the profits of my estate —
 When my son Linton arrives at the age
 of sixteen years, my estate shall be
 divided in the following manner, (to wit)

All my land and real estate to be divided in thirteen equal parts, one part of which, I give to each of my surviving children (to wit) Dorothy Chapman, Sarah Chapman, Ann W. S. S. Chapman, William Chapman, Thomas B. Chapman, William Chapman, Mary Chapman, Caroline Chapman, Ellen Chapman, Ellen Chapman and Margaret Chapman the remaining thirteen parts which is to be so laid off as to include the house and appurtenances thereto attached, whereat I now live, and also my will, I give and devise unto my wife Eleanor Chapman for and during the term of her natural life and with Full Power to give and devise the same to my son Simon Chapman -

For the purpose of education my grand son William Chapman I devise my Executors to pay for to his future Education the sum of six hundred dollars whenever my said grand son shall arrive at the age of ten years to be advanced to his father in providing such education as he may judge necessary and proper for him -

To my wife Eleanor Chapman, I give and bequeath all my household and kitchen furniture to be disposed of according to her will and pleasure - all my personal estate except such parts as is before mentioned, I devise and bequeath divided amongst my thirteen surviving children having before mentioned and my wife shall and shall survive but as such partition the advancements which I have made to my daughter Ann and Elizabeth and such advancements to my Executors may make to any of my children who may marry and settle for from my family shall be included and estimated at the value of such advancements at the time the same were made, but such partition is not to be made until the

time herein before fixed for the division of my real estate - of the land I have given to my son Simon with an equal share with the rest of my children, which his mother is to enjoy during her life, for the purpose of securing to him his share, I do hereby direct my Executors to pay him out of the rents and profits of the same to be preserved by them for that purpose, the sum of one thousand dollars on his arriving at the age of twenty one years similar his brother be the thirty, but should the said real estate be freed from the devise to his mother for life by her death before he arrives at the age of twenty one years, then the amount sum of one thousand dollars is to be paid to be the rest of my personal estate -

As to the nature of the estate which any of my children are to take in the estate herein before devised and bequeathed to them my will and devise is that in the event of any of my children dying unmarried or without issue of their bodies living at the time of his or her death that that part of my estate real or personal which is herein before given to such child shall be equally divided among my surviving children -

The division of my estate herein before devised is to be made under the direction of my Executors by not less than three nor more than five respectable gentlemen to be appointed for that purpose by my Executors without the aid or interference of any Court of Law or Equity

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