

North Carolina
Beaufort County

In the name of God Amen I Cornelius
Coyler being sick and weak of body of sound and
perfect mind and memory and calling to mind
the uncertainty of this transitory life and not
knowing how soon it may please God to call
me out of this present world, do make certain
constitute and appoint this my last will and
testament in manner and form following.

Item I give devise bequeath to Abm Gray one yoke
and lamb two sows and pigs one buck and gun
and his mothers bed and furniture after his
mothers decease.

Item I give devise and bequeath to Elizabeth Gray
one ewe and lamb two sows and pigs and a large
chick one square table framed work my bed
and furniture.

Item I give devise and bequeath the use of all
the remaining part of my estate after my just
and lawfull debts are paid to the support of
and to the maintaining of Rebecca Gray
during her life, and after her decease to be equally
divided between Cornelius Gray Abm Gray and
Elizabeth Gray.

I do hereby appoint my loving friend Richd
Newman Exr. of this my last will and testament
In Testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand
this twenty sixth day of September in the year
of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred
forty and one.

Cornelius^{his} Coyler ^{mark}

Sealed, published, signed
and delivered in presence
of us

Wm Barrow
Jonas Squires

Defunct or such Issue to my Daughter Elanor Payton
and her heirs for Ever

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Payton
certain track or parcel of Land lying in Beaufort County
on South Side of Pampllico river on the East Side of Durins
Creek known by the name of Garrison's point to Her and
Her Heirs lawfully Begotten of His Body forever in Defunct
of such Issue to my Daughter Mary Broad and Heirs for Ever

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Elanor Payton
a certain track or parcel of Land being on Beaufort County
on Sd side Pampllico river and West Side Durans Creek.
Being the plantation my father Robert Payton formerly dwelt
on to Her and Her Heirs lawfully Begotten of His Body for Ever
and in Defunct such Issue to my Daughter Sarah Payton and
Her Heirs for Ever

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Grace Payton
after the Death of my wife Elanor Payton the plantation I
now dwell on being the Sd side of Pampllico river and West
Side of Durins Creek to Nancy Mores line being the
beginning of Sarah Paytons legacie to
Her. I Give and bequeath unto my Son Henry Broad all the
Cattle I have in Currituck County running upon Beels Island
and the main. My Will and Desire is my Son Henry Be
out upon consideration of the afd legacies be obliged to dis
charge all my Debts due in Virginia and Old Currituck
and it is my will and desire that He shall have the balance
of accounts due to me from Thos Hardy late of Virginia liv
ing now on Coire point in Carolina to assisk in discharging
the afd Debts due in Virginia

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my well Beloved Wife Elanor Payton during
her life the use and business of my negro man Lupton my
negro man Skuffy my negro man Esau my negro man
Will my negro Woman Doll and my negro woman Lucia
and after the death of my said wife my will is that the
afd Negroes with their Increases shall be equally divid
ed between my children

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Henry Broad
and my negro Boy Sutton my negro boy and my negro

after the Decease of my Wife Elenor Peyton the plantation I now dwell on lying on the So side of Pamlico river and West side of Derhams Creek, beginning at my Spring branch running Derhams Creek to Nancy Mores Run being the beginning of Sarah Peytons legacie to her and the heirs lawfully begotten of her body forever and in default of said Issue to my grandson John Peyton Shoad and his heirs forever

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my Son in Law Henry Shoad a certain tract or parcel of lying in Virginia in Gloucester County being the Plantation where my father dwelt formerly and now in possession of Richard Merchand and containing by Estimation three Hundred and fifty acres to him and his heirs forever and I likewise Give and bequeath unto my Son Henry Shoad another tract or parcel of land containing Eighty acres of land lying in Virginia in Gloucester County known by the name of Mortons land to him and his heirs forever and I likewise Give and Bequeath unto my Son Henry Shoad another tract or Parcel of land lying in Virginia in Gloucester County.

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my Son Henry Shoad all the Cattle I have in Currituck County running upon Beels Island and the Main

My Will and Desire is my son Henry Shoad upon consideration of the aforesaid legacies be obliged to discharge all my Debts due in Virginia and Old Currituck and it is my will and Desire that he shall have the Balance of accounts due to me from Thos Hardy late of Virginia living now on Core point in Carolina to assist in discharging the aforesaid Debts due in Virginia &c.

Item. I lend unto my well beloved wife Elenor Peyton during her life the use and benefit of my negro man Sutton my negro man Shuffey my negro man Esau my negro man Will my negro woman Doll and my negro woman Lucia and after the Decease of my said wife my will " that the aforesaid negroes with their Increase shall be equally Divided between my children

Item. I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Henry Shoad my negro boy Satten my negro boy Jack and my negro Girl Esther

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Peyton my negro Man Sam my negro Boy Simon and my negro Girl Rachel

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Eliza Peyton my negro Boy Quack my negro Boy Ellect and my negro Girl Hannah

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Elenor Peyton my negro man Ruffe my negro woman Bess my negro Girl Patience

Item. I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Grace Peyton my negro man Tom, my negro boy Sam

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter + + + + + and one + + + and a feather bed and furniture to each of them to be delivered when they are of age or at the day of marriage.

My Will and Desire is that my Wife Elenor Peyton shall have the use and Benefit of all my household goods and plate as also the use of my Stock of Cattle Hogs Horses and Sheep during her life and my will is that after her decease they shall be equally divided between my Children Sarah Eliza Elenor and Grace Peyton.

My Will and meaning is that my Wife shall have the use and benefit of the plantation I now now dwell on with the appurtenances thereunto belonging without any Lett or hindrance or molestation during her life

Furthermore my will and Desire is that all the Negroes Given by this my will shall be kept together under the Care and management of my wife, excepting the Negroes Given to my Son Henry Shoad, until the time of Delivery as aforesaid and to be employed as my Exrs shall think proper to discharge the Incumbrances of my Estate.

Furthermore my will and desire is that after my Estate is cleared from all Incumbrances of any kind what soever that then my will is to have a Negro bought for William Beel. My will and Desire is that in relation of my Sloop Susannah from Boston that my Son Henry Shoad shall have the disposal of the Sloop and Cargo as he shall see proper and apply the money arising thereby to the use of my children Sarah Eliza Elenor & Grace Peyton in buying Negroes for the said Children Excepting + + + + +

Beaufort County fl. December Court 1748

Present His Majesty's Justice

Then are to certify that the within last Will and Testament of Benjn Peyton late of Beaufort County Esq. deceased was exhibited in open Court and proved by the oath of James Broton one of the signing evidences thereto who swore that he seed the Testator sign seal publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that the said Dorothy Brown and Francis Seawles the other subscribing evidences thereto within the same when upon Eleanor Peyton Widow and relict of the aforesd. decd. and Henry Snood Esq. Exors therein named came and qualified by their taking the Oath of an Executor according to Law. Ordered that the Secretary have notice thereof and that the Last Will and Testament be recorded in the Orphans Book

Teste John Forbes Clerk Court

In the Name of God Amen
I John Eckols of Beaufort County in North Carolina being in perfect Sense and Memory but calling to mind the Mortality of Mankind have taken this time to Settle my worldly affairs which is as followeth
Emprimus I leave to my well beloved wife the plantation now I live on during her natural life or
I dooms - I give unto my well beloved Son John Eckols the land and plantation whereas I live from the head of the Orchard brook to a straight line to the Suana pond and so to the head - to him and his heirs and assigns for ever -
I dooms - I give and bequeath to my well beloved Son James Eckols all and singular the rest of the said tract where I now live on to him and his heirs and assigns forever

the Cargo of said Sloop which my will is my Wife ^{xx} have to dispose of as ^{xx} ^{xx} ^{xx} ^{xx}

Furthermore ^{xx} and Desire is that if ^{xx} of the Negroes given to my children should decease before the time of delivery as aforesd that then there shall be another purchased for the use the Child the other belonged to.

Furthermore I desire that there be a patten taken out in the name of Eleanor Peyton my daughter for Sigley's Survey.

Furthermore my will is that at the time of Division of the Estate after my Wife's Decease that then I empower my Son Henry Snood to make a Division according to this my will and if my Son Henry Snood should Decease before such Division my Desire is that there should be Two men of the Court appointed to make the Division as aforesd and such Division so made by my Son Snood or the Court my Desire is that my Children shall be obliged to abide by it

And I Doe hereby constitute and appoint my well beloved Wife Eleanor Peyton and my Son Henry Snood Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking a former Will by me made. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 30th of September in the year of our Lord 1746

Signed Sealed and Delivered.

Benjn Peyton

in Presence of
James Broton
Dorothy Brown
Francis Seawles

And Furthermore it is my Will and Desire for sundry reasons within myself. I Give and Bequeath unto my well beloved wife Eleanor Peyton my Negro Girl named Rachel which I had afore given to my daughter Sarah and I Give and Bequeath unto my daughter Sarah my negro Girl named Violet and it is my Will and Desire that there should be no misconstructions put upon this addition to my Will but that that it should be deemed good and valid. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 26 Day of March Anno Domini 1748

Signed Sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Eleanor Peyton
and Henry Snood

Benjn Peyton (Seal)