

In the Name of God Amen, and in the year of the Reign
of our Sovereign Lord King George the second Anno Domini
1734/5

I, John Silvan, planter of ye province of North Carolina
& ye County of Bath and parish of Hyde being sick
of body but of good sound and perfect memory
thanks be to God for it.

First I bequeath my soul to God who gave it me
and my body to ye yeards their to be decently
buried at ye discretion of my Exors.

I give my plantation on ye West side of Match-
cungeo to my brother Joseph Silvan to him and
his heirs forever.

I give to my father in law John White my negro
man Harry untill my brother Darby Silvan is
twenty one and then to my brother Deray Silvan
and his heirs forever.

I give to my sister Elizabeth two cows and calves
I give to my sister Grace Silvan two cows and calves
I give to my sister Margret Silvan two cows and calves
I give to my brother George White two cows and calves
I give to my brother Joseph Silvan my horse, bridle and
saddle.

I give my brother in law George White my case
and bottles and the rest of my personal
estate after my just debts is lawfully paid
to be equally divided amongst my brothers
and sisters and I do appoint my true and
trusty friends Wm Richard Silvester and John
White my Exors of this my last will and
testament and I do acknowledge this to be my
last will and testament and to eat of all
other " " of writing as witness my hand this
28th day of January Anno Dom. 1734/5
Johnth Silvan

deceased in the presence of us
Test. Joseph White
Edward Wynn
Joseph Pender

December Court 1735

The within last Will and Testament of John Silvan
was exhibited into Court and proved by the oath
of Joseph White one of the subscribing evidences thereto
and that he saw the other two evidences witness
the same. Ordered yt Secretary hand noted thereof.
Test Jⁿ Callison Clk Cur.

In the Name of God Amen the 27 day of Nov^r in the
year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred &
thirty five I, Francis Herant of North Carolina Bath
County, Parish of Hyde precinct, planter being very
sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and
memory thanks be to god therefore calling unto mind
mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to dye. Do make and ordain
this my last will and testament. That is to say first
cipally and first of I give & recommend my soul into
the hands of God that gave it; and for my body
I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a
Christian like and decent manner at the discre-
tion of my Excutors, 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 wherewith it hath
pleased god to bless me in this life I give, devise
and dispose of the same in following manner
& form.

Item. I give unto my Housekeeper Sophya Lewlan
one cow & calf and " " three year old steer & one
two year old steer & twelve head of hogs " " " " " " " "
pot and pan & six ball of Indian corn.
Item. I give unto my well beloved son Joseph one
pot one cow and calf & a yearling.
Item. I give unto Sophya Lewlan Daughter Hesiah
one cow and calf and a yearling.

Item. I give unto ^{my} child that the ^{said} Zaphiel now
is given with one law. And I do hereby utterly revoke
and disannul all former wills and legacies and Executors
by me in any way named ratifying this and no
other to be my last will and testament.
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
seal the day and year above written.

Francis Newton

Signed Sealed, published, pronounced
and declared by the ^{said} Francis
Newton as his last will
& Testament in the presence of us
Christopher ^{his} Puttnall
Martha ^{mark} Puttnall.
^{mark}

In the Name of God (Amen) the twenty day of November
in the year of our Lord 1734.

I Samuel Cooper in the County of Berks
upon pemples being very sick and weak in
body but of perfect mind and memory thanks
be given unto God therefore 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 and
testament that is to say principally and first
of all I give and recommend my soul into
the hands of God that give it, and for my
body I recommend it to the earth to be buried
in a Christian like and decent manner
at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubt-
ing but at the General Resurrection I shall
receive the same again by the mighty power
of God and as touching such worldly estate
wherein it hath pleased God to bless me
this life I give devise and dispose of the
same in the following manner and form—

Imprimis. I give and bequeath to my son James
Cooper the Menor Plantation I knowe lince and
to him and the care of his body, lawfully bequeath
excepting and the housing and clear land that
belongs to the aforesaid plantation which I
reserv unto my beloved wife Elesebeth Cooper during
his life.

Item. I give and my wife fellow called goes to my
wife Elesebeth during his life and then to be given
at his discretion to some of my children.

Item. I give unto my daughter Jesse and my wife
called goes to her and the care of his body law-
fully bequeath and if she should die without issue
that the negro may be given to his next eldest
sister called Elesebeth and the lawful bequest
of his " " and if no issue to the next car in
line.

Item. I give the first child that the aforesaid
negro winch called goes unto my daugh-
ter Elesebeth and the care lawfully bequeath.

Item. I give the next or second child that the
said goes unto my daughter Mary and
if she dies without issue and likewise his
aforesaid sister that the said negro children
shall return to the next car in line lawfully
bequeath.

Item. I give to my son William and my wife
named Venus to him and the care of his
body lawfully bequeath and if no issue
she shall be returned unto my son Samuel
Cooper and his care lawfully bequeath but re-
serves the said negro winch unto my wife
during her widowhood.

Item. I give unto my son Samuel that child
that the negro winch Venus now goes with
if my son William dies without issue the winch
to Samuel and the negro child to Henry and the
care lawfully bequeath.