

North Carolina (April 30th Anno Domini 1765
Beaufort County)

In the Name of God Amen

I William Abbott Resident in the County and Province aforesaid being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same and calling to mind the Transitory and Fragile State that Human Nature is under and that it is appointed once for man to Die do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament Revoking and annulling all other Wills or Testaments heretofore by me made Either by word or writing first and principally I recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body to be buried in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named

Item I give and bequeath unto Walter Jones One Hundred acres of Land where he now lives lying and siting upon the main Road that leads from Bath Town up the North Side of Pamlico River and lying as long as the Road runs to him and his heirs

Lastly I nominate and appoint my loving Wife Elizabeth Abbott and my Son in Law Walter Jones to be my whole and Sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament to see the same performed in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this day and year above writing

Signed Sealed and delivered In presence of

us

William Abbott

Present His Majesty's Justices

These are to certify that the within Will was proved in Open Court by the Oath of William Aonal accordg to Law ordered to be Recorded

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Recorded

In the Name of God Amen. I John Palmer of Bath Town in Beaufort County & Province of North Carolina being at present in a low state of Health, but of sound and disposing mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal Life do make & Ordain this to be my Last Will and Testament

First I give and bequeath my Body to the Dust & unto God who gives in certain hours of glorious Resurrection through the merits and mediation of his dear Son my Saviour & Redeemer

Item It is my Will that as soon as possible after my decease my Executor hereafter named shall dispose of all and whatever Effects I may die possessed of into the current money of North Carolina and therewith to discharge all my just debts the residue together with what ready money I am possessed of and what Effects & Debts are owing or any wise due to me at my Decease I give & Bequeath unto my Dear Sister Catharine Palmer of the Town of Dumfries in that part of Great Britain called Scotland and I thereby recommend it to her that as soon as the principal of my Estate can be remitted to her that she place the proceeds of it into good hands at a legal Interest & not to take up any part thereof so long as our Dear Father & Mother or either of them may live it being my Intention that the Interest of my Estate shall go towards their Support so long as they or either of them shall live

And I hereby nominate and appoint my worthy friend & kinsman Robt Palmer of Bath Town aforesaid Esquire Executor of this my Last Will in the Execution of which Office I am so well satisfied that he will do every thing so much for the Benefit of my Legacies that it is my will that he not be restricted or be obliged to give Bond for the due Execution of his Office to any Court of Judicature in North Carolina or elsewhere

It is however my Will further that after he has collected all my Debts & Effects that he remit the proceeds in such Commodities of North Carolina to Great Britain as will best answer or be subject to the least loss. If it is agreeable to him to take the whole of my Estate upon himself it is my will that so much as it amounts to in Carolina money he account with my Sister in Sterling at the Exchange of Eighty five per centum discount, that is to say for every One Hundred and Eighty five pounds Carolina money to account for One Hundred and Pound Sterling

Lastly it is my Will that everything above said be taken in true sense & meaning Expressed without being subject to alteration in

any Respect & I hereby Declare this to be my last and only Will
In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this
Eighteenth day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand
Seven hundred & Sixty one

Signed Sealed published & declared
by the said John Palmer to be his
last Will in the presence of us

George Johnson
Ebenezer Ker
Robert Newall

John Palmer

Beaufort County } December Inferior Court 1761

Present his Majestys Justices

These are to Certify that the within Will of John Palmer, was proven
in Open Court by the Oath of George Johnson & Ordered to be Recor-
ded at the same time Robert Palmer Esq. Qualified as Exor stands
by Taking the Oath by Law appointed

Test Wm. Pitt. Ormond C. C.

In the Name of God Amen I Phillip Shute of Beaufort
County within the Province of North Carolina Planter Being very
Weak and low in body but in perfect Sound Mind and Memory
blessed be God for it I bequeath my Soul to God that gave it and
my body to be laid in the Ground in a decent manner at the dis-
cretion of my Executors as knowing the uncertainty of this Life
and also that it is appointed unto all men once to Die I Do ma-
ke ordain constitute and appoint this to be my last Will and tes-
tament Excluding any other Will that I have made that is to say
Item I give to my Eldest Daughter Sarah hearinton one Shining Starling
Item I lend to my dear and Loving Wife Mary Shute all my
moveable Estate all that is to be mine During
Widowhood in case she should marry or Die my will is
Disiar is that all my Estate that my well beloved
Mary Shute is possessed with should be Equally De-
Discretion of my Executor among my Children
After mentioned that is to say Mary Shute Susan

Shute Elizabeth Shute Ann Shute gals Jac
Joseph Shute Samuel Shute John Shute Jane Sh
I also Nominate and Appoint John Maule Executor
Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us
this Twenty third day of December 1762

John Robison
frances ^{my} _{maul} harvey
Thomas Jones

Phillip Shute

In the Name of God Amen
I Give & Bequeath to my Beloved Wife Elizabeth McNaire
all my Estate Real & personal and do Nominate constitute
and appoint her Sole Executor of this my last Will & Testa-
ment.

Witness my Hand this 15th Day of March 1762

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Chas McNaire

John Elise

In the Name of God Amen I James Rigney of the County
of Beaufort being of sound mind and memory but sick and weak
of Body and calling to mind the mortality of Body and knowing
that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make and ordain
this as my last will and testament that is to say principally and first
of all I recommend my Soul to Almighty God that gave it, and as to
my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like
manner at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named not Doubting
at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again and as to my
Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me with
I give demise and bequeath of the same in the following manner to
wit Imprimis. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Rebecca
Roberson ten head of Sortable Cattle from one year old to four also
Two hundred acre of patent land above the Cross branch