

Beaufort County Decemb Court 1753
Present His Majestys Justices

These are to certify that William Trippie Subscribing evidence to the within Will & Testament appeared in open Court and made Oath on the holy Evangelists that he saw Eleanor Peyton sign Seal & Declare the within Instrument of writing to be her last Will & Testament that she was of sound mind & disposing Memory & that he also saw John Trippie the other Subscribing witness sign his name thereto at the same time when William Bell took the Oath of an Exor in due form It is Ordered that Mr Secretary have Notice thereof that Letters Testamentary may Issue thereupon as the Law direct.

Jo Curiam William Ormond Clerk Court

In the Name of God Amen I ^{William} Willis Forman of the County of Beaufort & Province of North Carolina being of great Weakness of body but of sound & perfect mind and memory do make & Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following first & Principally I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits and intercession of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to have Full and Free pardon of all my Sins and to inherit eternal life and as touching the disposal of all such Temporal Estates as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I do give and dispose of in manner Following

Imprimis, I will that all my just debts and Funeral expenses be paid and Discharged as soon as possible after my decease

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Children Elizth D Margaret Dorcas and Anne Dinah my Negro Girl named Patta with her increase to hold between them when they are of age or at the Day of Marriage

Item the Remainder and Residue of my Estate Real and Personal I Give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Forman to be by her Disposed of according to

her Discretion and my Will and Desire is that the afo'd Negro Girl named Patta which I have bequeathed unto my Children Elizth Margaret Dorcas & Anne with her Increase shall be kept by my wife and employed according to her discretion till the time of delivery as afo'd.

And I do hereby constitute authorize and appoint my well beloved wife Mary Forman Sole Executrix of this my Will hereby revoking all Former and Other Wills by me made in Testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand Seal this 5th Day October 1751

Signed Sealed & Delivered Wm Forman (Seal)
in Presence of us
Henry Snood
Walter Jones
George Jenkins

Beaufort County G.D. } At a Court held for said County at the Court house in Bath Town on the Second Tuesday in June and 9th day of the same Month Anno Dom 1752

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These are to certify that Walter Jones and George Jenkins two of the Subscribing witnesses to the within Will appeared in Open Court and made Oath on the holy evangelists that they were present and saw William Forman sign Seal and declare the within Instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and that the said William Forman was at the time of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they also saw Henry Snood the other Subscribing witness sign his name thereto at the same time when Mary Foreman Exec of the said Will appeared in Open Court and took the Oath of an Exor in due form Whereupon it was Ordered by the said Court that Mr Secretary have Notice thereof that Letters Testamentary Issue thereupon as the Law directs

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