

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 thank 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 acre of Land where he now lives lying and binding 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 Justice

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

Test Wm Ormond Esq
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

Myprimus 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 hereby 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 Eighty five pounds Carolina money to account for One Hundred Pound Sterling

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