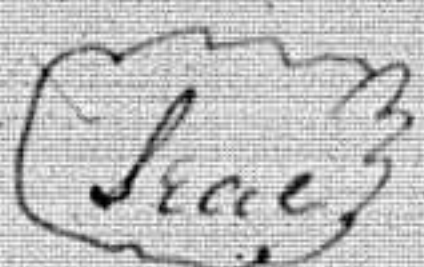


two thirds to be equally Divided Between the three Children: and further my Will Is that my well Beloved Wife Have the Use of ye Hole Estate for to Bring the Children up and to pay the Debts for Six years.

and further my Will Is that that the Hole Estate be kept together for the continuation of Six years and to be Divided as above mentioned Between my Wife and three Children and if my Execut^r Heare after mentioned Do find that the Income of the Estate not Sufficient for to pay the Debts as soon as it may be called for then they shall take such things out of the principal as shall Discharge the Debts My Will is that If my Daughter Elisabeth shall Die without lawfully Begotten of her Body then her parts to Return to the 5th or two Francis & Mary to be equally Divided Between them Lastly I make and appoint my friend George Barrow and my well beloved Brother Richard Odeon and my friend Zachariah Barrow my Exec^r of this my last Will to pay all legacies and Debts and to be this my last Will and Testament Complied with as Witness my hand and Seal this 12th Day of June 1759

Signed and Sealed In
the Presence of us

J Barrow
John Odeon
Sarah Adams

Charles Odeon 

August 7th 1759

In the Name of God Amen

I John Kerck of Beaufort County and Province of North Carolina 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 Almighty God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the

Discretion of my Executors 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 has pleased God to bless me in this Life. I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. I give and bequeath to my well beloved sons Jasper Kerck and John Kerck and Joseph Kerck all and singular all my Lands messuages and Tenements I give and bequeath to Rhode Kerck my dearly beloved wife all my my Lands Messuages and Tenements with all my Household Goods Debts and moveable Effects During her Widow Hood after her Widow hood I give to my well beloved sons Jasper Kerck and John Kerck and Joseph Kerck all my Lands messuages and Tenements with all my Household Goods and moveable Effects to be Equally Divided Between them I make and ordain Rhode my Dearly Beloved Wife my sole and sole Executrix Witness my hand also for me

John Kerck

Saml. Corprew

In the Name of God Amen. The twenty Seventh Day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty nine I William Mayo of Beaufort County in the Province of North Carolina being weak in Body but of Perfect mind and memory Thanks be given to God therefore Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all once to die do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament (viz) Principally and first of all I Give and Recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty 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 Discretion of my Executors

Nothing Doubting but at the Great 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 the following manner and form

Inprimis I give and bequeath to my son William Mayo

One Bay Horse Branded on the Near Buttock with a Hook of five years old and goes by the name of Saddle Cloth

Item I give and bequeath to my Son James Mays one Dark Bay Horse of Four years old Branded as aforesaid running in the Islands near Solomon Heights

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Peter Mays one Gray Horse named Champion which is my own Riding Horse

Item I give and bequeath to my Son John Mays one Dark Bay Mare and a Cuck of Two years old of a Bright Bay

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Nathan Mays one Dark Stallion of Three years old

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Hattaway Five Pound Procl^m Money

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Hearn Five Pounds Procl^m and one Bed at her Mother's death

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Cobb Ten Shillings Procl^m

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Anne Chick Five Pounds Procl^m

Item again I give and bequeath to my Son Nathan Mays the Plantation whereon I now dwell with all the Land and appurtenances thereunto belonging which is Two Hundred and " acres with this exception that my wife have her life on the same with a Free liberty of all the Improvements without any objection or oppression. to him and his Heirs forever also my Will and Desire is that he have the bed I leave to my wife after her decease

Item again I give and bequeath to my Son Peter Mays one Half of my New Survey of Land and the Half I give to my Grandson William Mays son of William Mays to be Equally Divided at their own Discretion to them and their Heirs for Ever Also I give the same Grandson my Gun and one Breeding mare of Two years old a Black one and one Bed and Furniture

Item I give and bequeath to my Loving wife Martha Mays the use of the Plantation whereon I now dwell during her Natural Life with all the Benefits and appurtenances thereunto belonging - - - - -

- - - - - all sorts of household Furniture as she shall think proper to keep and my Large Bay Horse and as many Cattle and Hogs as she shall think proper to keep to her and her disposal

I do likewise constitute make and ordain my Five Sons (viz) W^m James John Peter and Nathan Executors of this my Last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly Dissolve Revoke and Disannul all and every other Testament Will Legacies and Executors by me in wise before this time made willed and bequeathed. Ratifying and Confirming 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

Signed sealed & Delivered

in the presence of

Amos Atkinson

James ^{li} Brown

James ^{li} Cobb

William ^{li} Mays

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Williams of Beaufort County in North Carolina Planter Do make ordain and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament Being at the same time of Sound mind and memory. I Give and Devise unto my wife Grace Williams the Land whereon I now live and a Tract of Land containing two hundred acres lying on the East Side of the mouth of Bath Town Creek. Being the Land formerly belonging to Benjamin Forbes I also give and Bequeath unto her two negro Boys named Sam and Prymas and all of my Estate I Give unto her and if Please God my wife should be with Child or Children By me Begotten not now born I Bequeath unto it or them the aforesaid lands I have given my wife if more than one child the lands may be Equally Divided Between them and an Equal Part of all my Estate with my wife and I Give and Bequeath unto my youngest Brother John Williams and his heirs Forever one Tract of Land containing Two hundred and eighty acres which I bought of Mr. Thomas Lee lying on the South Side of Pamlico River and the West Side of Crooked Creek and I Give and Bequeath unto Thomas Bomer Esq. Youngest Son Thomas Bomer my Kinsman one Lot of Land in Bath Town known by the Number 39 and Will and Desire is that my wife should have the use of the Plantation whereon I now live her life time and my will and desire is that my wife should have the use of all my estate Both Real and Personal as long as she Remains a widow and as for what Estate I have Belonging to me in England or " " I Do Will and Bequeath it to be Equally Divided between my wife and Child or Children as aforesaid and my will and desire is that my Lawful Debts and