Gracious appearance of God through the sufficient merits and mediation of my most amiable redeemer Jesus Christ who gave himself to be an atonement for my sins and is able to save to the uttermost all that come to God by him seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them and who I trust will not reject me a returning penitent sinner when I come to him for mercy in this hope and confidence I render up my soul with comfort humbly beseeching the most blessed and glorious trinity one God most holy most merciful and gracious to prepare me for the time of my dissolution and then to take me to himself into that heaven and rest and incomparable felicity which he has prepared for all that love and fear his holy name amen blessed be God I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of a resurrection from the dead the last day as my burial I desire it may be decent without hearse or state at the discretion of my executors and my executors hereafter named who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence as to my worldly estate I will and desire all my debts to be paid ——

1 I give to my dear cousin Solomon Cooper thirty pounds in cash to school him ——

2 I lend to my dear sister Prudence Cooper one negro woman by the name of Sary her life time and then gave the same negro to my dear beloved cousin Penny Cooper ——

3 I give to my dear brother John Ponder twenty dollars

4 I give to my dear sister Prudence Cooper sixty pounds

5 I give to my dear brother Aisha Ponder fifty pounds in cash

6 I give to my dear brother William Ponder fifty pounds in cash

7 I give to my dear sister Mary Hyman sixty pounds in cash

8 I give to my dear brother Stephen Ponder sixty pounds in cash and likewise I give to my dear brother Stephen Ponder one feather bed and furniture ——

And I ordain this my last will and testament and my desire is that John Ponder and Rollingham Monk shall be my executors ——

Witness Kellell — Solomon Ponder (Seal)
Thos. E Hare

State of North Carolina, Feby Term 1800
Burke County, The last will and testament

I Solomon Ponder did work on in open court by the oath of Wilson Kellell and Thomas E Hare the two subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded

Geo Graylle

In the name of God Amen I Wm Church of the county of Burke & State of North Carolina being in perfect health but knowing the uncertainty of life being willing to dispose of what it has pleased God to bless me with do constitute ordain & make this my last will & testament in case of my death or should die before I make another ——

First of all I desire that all my just debts be paid — Secondly I do give & bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth all & singular the property that came to her or that

was hers before I married her to her heirs forever —
Thirdly I do lend unto unto my d. wife all the remaining part of my property both real & personall during her natural life but after her death I do give & bequeath unto my brother Tho. Church all that part of the d. property that did belong to myself to him & his heirs forever —
Lastly I do constitute nominate & appoint my d. wife Elizabeth & Tho. Church both of the County & State aforesaid Executors to this my last will & testament in witness whereof I have set my hand & seal this 27 day of January 1799

Witness
John Dawson
Hannah Dawson

Wm Church (Seal)

State of N. Carolina
Bertie County } Feb. Term 1800
The last will and testament of William Church dec. was proven in open court by the oath of John Dawson one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Pugsley

In the name of God Amen I Simon Turner of Bertie County and State of North Carolina having for a considerable time labored under great infirmity of Body but of perfect perfecting my recollection and being of disposing mind do make and ordain this as my last will and testament —
First, I trust I recommend my soul to God, the

Author of its being; and trust my Executors will bury my Body in a decent and Christian like manner.
Secondly I give to my dear wife Anne Turner during her natural life one hundred acres of land which I bought of Thomas Hunter —
Thirdly I give and devise to my three sons William Turner, Simon Turner and Thomas Turner and their heirs forever all the rest of my lands to be equally divided among them and I also give them in like manner the one hundred acres of land above mentioned which I bought of Thomas Hunter after the death of my dear wife —
Fourthly it is my will and desire that after the payment of my just debts and the legacy after mentioned that my negroes and other personal estate of every kind should be equally divided between my dear wife Anne Turner my three sons William Turner, Simon Turner and Thomas Turner, and my two daughters Hannah Hone and Mary Turner share and share alike — and if either of my said children should die leaving no child living at the time of their death and unmarried, then I wish the part of my personal Estate given to such child or children to be equally divided among the surviving Children by my present wife Anne Turner —
I have not mentioned my Son James Turner nor my Daughter Phoebe McClanahan as I have heretofore provided for them as well, I think, as my circumstances will afford, I wish them therefore to retain the property already put into their possession and not to receive any more

Lastly I nominate and appoint my dear wife Anne Turner Executrix and my son in law David Stone Executor of this my last will and testament and I hereby revoke and annul any other or former will or testament that may have been made by me and set my hand and affix my seal, to this as my last will this twenty second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four.

Signed sealed published and declared by Simon Turner the testator in the presence of
Jeremiah Pierce
Benjamin Folks

Simon Turner (Seal)

State of N. Carolina
Bertie County } Feby Term 1800
The last will and testament of Simon Turner dec^d was proved in open court by the oath of Benjamin Folks one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded — George Gray Clk

In the name of God amen September 27th 1796 I Mary Millar of Bertie County do make and ordain this my last will and testament — In the first place I give unto and bequeath my daughter Lady Green five shillings
2dly I give and bequeath unto my Granddaughter Sarah Green and her heirs one loom and gear one feather bed and furniture one linnen wheel one woollen wheel
3dly I give and bequeath unto my two Grandchildren Sarah Green and Zeekiah Green and their heirs to be equally divided between them two head of cattle with the increase thereof 6 head of sheep 13 of hogs 1 barrow 2 chests one basin five stocks of bees
4th ly I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Cader Lamb and his heirs twenty shillings lawful money
5th ly I give and bequeath unto my son Solomon Millar and his heirs all the remaining part of my estate not mentioned in this will
Lastly I constitute and appoint my son Solomon Millar and Michael Ward to be my sole executors of this my last will and testament ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and testament signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Mary Millar as her last will and testament in presence of

Henry Mizell
Winifred her mark Mizell

Mary her mark Millar (Seal)

State of N. Carolina
Bertie County } May Term 1800
The last will and testament of Mary Millar dec^d was proved in open court by the oath of Henry Mizell one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded George Gray Clk

In the name of God amen I Mathew Mills of the State of North Carolina in the County of Bertie being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God therefore calling to 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 my soul to God that gave it and my body I commend 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 hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprs I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth Miers during her natural life or widowhood my plantation and all the land to me belonging also all my horse kind all my cattle hogs sheep and fowls fowler all my working tools together with all my household goods and furniture and after her decease or marriage I give and dispose of the same as followeth

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly Isbell Lady five acres of land bounded by Matthew Mitchells line and the plantation branch and along of marked trees from said plantation branch from thence down to said Mitchells line to her her heirs and assigns forever —

Item I give unto my daughter Mary Lanagan two sows and pigs and one ewe and lamb to her her heirs and assigns forever —

Item I give unto my daughter Winney Lanagan five shillings sterling to be raised and levied out of my estate

Item I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Miers one hundred acres of land bounding the plantation where Godwin Lanagan did formerly live also the mare I bought of William Smith if he the said son Samuel shall pay thirty good dollars to the said William Smith to him his heirs and assigns forever —

Item I give and bequeath to my son Nathan Miers twenty acres of land lying on the North side of Samuel Miers also one gray mare named Dell he the said son Nathan paying thirty five dollars to William Smith to him his heirs and assigns forever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my son David Miers twenty acres of land lying on the South side of the plantation branch beginning on said branch at Thomas Mitchells corner so down said branch to Ralph Isbells line thence southerly course as far as will make twenty acres to him his heirs and assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my son William Miers the plantation whereon I now live and land bounded by the plantation branch Ralph Isbells line Liquer swamp and the branch that divides said land and Thomas Mitchells land to him his heirs and assigns forever —

Item I give and bequeath all the remainder part of my land not herein before mentioned to my two sons Miles Miers and Ralph Miers to be equally divided between them by my executors to them their heirs and assigns forever also my will and desire is that my six sons to wit Samuel Miers Nathan Miers David Miers Miles Miers Ralph Miers and William Miers shall pay five pounds apiece for [illegible] belonging with the estate of David Cullaw deceased for said land —

Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Haggard five shillings sterling to her her heirs and assigns forever —

Item I desire all the remainder part of my estate not herein before given may be equally divided amongst my four sons David Miers Miles Miers Ralph Miers and William Miers to them their heirs and assigns forever —

Lastly I appoint make and ordain my friends William Wilford and William Morris executors of this my last will and testament making void all other and former will or wills by me made

In witness whereof I the said Nathan Miers Senior have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of April one thousand eight hundred

Signed sealed published

Nathan his ✗ mark Miers (Seal)

pronounced and declared
in the presence of
James Bonadaill
Sarah her Bonadaill
mark

State of No Carolina } May Term 1800
Bertie County } The last will and testa-
ment of Nathan Mins dec^d was proved in open court
by the oaths of James and Sarah Bonadaill the two
subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded

George Graylle

State of North Carolina } January the 07 day 1800
IndCounty of Bertie } In the name of God Amen I John
Bond calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing
that it is appointed one for all men to die do make and
ordain this my last will and testament that is to say prin-
cipally first of all I give and bequeath unto my wife Cla-
risa Bond her three slaves my lands during her lifetime and
four negroes Dick, Pat Chana Tom and one mare and
cow and eating chair and half my household furniture
twelve barrels of corn and a sufficiency of pork —
I give and bequeath unto the child that my wife Clarisa
Bond is now big with all my lands and negroes that has
not been given away and one half of my household furni-
ture and likewise all that I die possess that has not been
given away and if the child dies before it marries or arrives
to twenty one years of age for this plantation where I now
live upon the Villas swamp to fall to my sister Sarah

Thompson and likewise my marsh plantation to fall to my
sister Mary Bond but if the child should live to the above
above mentioned age for that to be of know force nor virtue
if the child should not arrive to the above mentioned age
for the negroes to fall to my half brother Lewis Bond likewise
all my horses and cattle and hogs and cows and branded
plantation utensils to be sold to pay my debts I constitute ap-
point and ordain Hezekiah Thompson and Nathaniel Ab-
bington executors to this my last will and testament and
I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disany all other wills
testaments or bequeaths therefore by me made in witness
whereof the said John Bond have hereunto set my
hand and seal the day and year first above written

Signed sealed published
pronounced and declared
by the said John Bond to
be his last will and testa-
ment in presence of us
Thos Thompson
Hezekiah Thompson

Jno Bond (Seal)

State of No Carolina } May Term 1800
Bertie County } The last will and testa-
ment of John Bond dec^d was proved in open court by
the oath of Hezekiah Thompson one of the subscrib-
ing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Graylle

In the name of God Amen I Joshua Hayse of the State of North Carolina and County of Bertie being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following viz

Item I give to my beloved wife Ruth Hayse the horses and all the stock and land whereon I now live and as much wood land as will support the said plantation with timber and firewood during the time of her natural life Likewise give to my wife Ruth two feather beds and furniture by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever — —

Likewise give to my beloved wife Ruth one mare named Fan by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever Likewise give to my wife Ruth two sows and pigs which shall be her choice out of my stock of hogs and two cows and calves I give to her by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever ——

Likewise give to my beloved wife Ruth one cow and calf by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever ——

Item I give and bequeath to my son Solomon Hayse one hundred and nine acres of land to be taken off for him at the west end of my land joining Luke Rabys land I give the above said one hundred and nine acres of land to my said son Solomon Hayse his heirs and assigns forever ——

Item I give and bequeath to my son Samson Hayse all the remainder of my land lying on the west side of the main road I give it to my son Samson to him his heirs and assigns forever ——

Item All the remainder of my land lying on the east side of the main road I have to be sold by my Executors at the first two years at public sale and twelve months credit with the purchasers by giving bond and security for the earthly payment of the money and the said money thence arising by the sale of the said land I leave to be equally divided among my three daughters named Sloah Hayse Sarah Hayse and Deborah Hayse by them freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever

Item I have a claim of land lying in Cashy swamp which I expect will be sold under my fathers will which when sold I leave my part of the money from thence arising to be equally divided among all my children by them freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever ——

Item All the remainder of my whole estate which is not given away I have to be sold by my executors equitable to time and the money to go to discharge my debts ——

Likewise give and bequeath to Betsey Robertson the sum of ten pounds to be raised out of my estate and by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever in witness whereof I make and appoint my friend Lewis Thompson my sole executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Joshua Hayse have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above ——

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Joshua Hayse as his last will and testament in the presence of
Joseph Hoare
Emphrania Hayse
Judith Hayse

Joshua Hayse (Seal)

State of N. Carolina } August Term 1800
Bertie County } The last will and testament of Joshua Hayse dec.d was proved in open court by the oath of Judith Hayse one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded ——

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I Benjamin Lanigan of the County of Burke and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say first I give and bequeath unto my Dearly beloved wife all the property that I am possessed with consisting of two negro Cattle horses hogs sheep household furniture &c after all my just debts is paid ——

Item After the death of my wife I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy Lanigan her heirs and assigns forever all the said property that is remaining at the death of my wife

Witness Benjamin Lanigan
James Lanigan

State of N. Carolina } August Term 1800
Burke County } The noncupative or last will and testament of Benjamin Lanigan dec^d was proved in open court by the oaths of Matthias Lanigan and James Lanigan and ordered to be recorded ——

George Graybill

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Collins of Burke County being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this 26th of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following. First of all I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God that gave it and not doubting but at the General resurrection to receive the same again as touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to endow me with I dispose of in the

following manner, First I leave my body to be buried in a christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named —

Item I lend to my beloved wife Hannah Collins all her right of dower of both real and personal estate during her natural life and after her death I leave to return to my estate once to be disposed of as hereafter directed ——

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Hannah Collins my Sorrel chaise and harness and one horse ——

Item I lend to my friend Sofia Collins Thompson a negro man by the name of Tinsey that I am now at law for in Rutherford County Court for the said Tinsey and if I should recover him then I give the said negro to him and his heirs forever and if I do not recover the said negro at law his bond and title to be void and of no effect ——

Item I lend to my daughter Harriot Collins all my estate both real and personal and if she should die before she comes to lawful age or marry then to return to my estate again to be disposed of as hereafter directed and if my daughter Harriot does come of age or marry then I give and bequeath all my estate to her and her heirs forever but if my daughter Harriot Collins dies under age or unmarried then I give and bequeath my negro man Slander from whom I now live to my nephew Edward Hassler, provided my daughter does die before she comes of lawful age or marry ——

Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Thomas Davis all my half of the land that Christian Reuder and myself bought in joint partnership of the Gaudners and others in Rutherfordton. Furthermore my will and desire is that if my daughter Harriot dies before she comes to lawful age or is married that all my personal estate except such lands as I have given to Edward

Collins and Thomas Collins be equally divided between my brother and sisters children share and share alike except Rebecca Mackenzie and in lieu of a share of my estate forty pounds to be loaned out of my estate and to be disposed of to her at the discretion of my executors likewise no[illegible] make order and appoint my friends Jonathan Jacocks and Thomas Ryan my Executors to this my last will and testament giving them full power to act and do what they think best for the benefit of my estate without having any recourse to any law customs or usages whatsoever to act and do as if it were their own having regard to the legacy's I do hereby revoke and disannull all other wills or wills by me heretofore made in witness hereof I set my hand and seal

Thos Collins (Seal)

Signed Sealed in the presence of
James Pascoe
Jonathan Jacocks
Mary her + mark Jones

Signed the above as signed my will and desire is that if Robert Eudicks land is to be sold that my Executors purchase it out of my estate for the use of my daughter Barnet —

State of North Carolina
Bertie County

August Term 1800
The last will and testaments of Thomas Collins dec^d was brought in open court by the oath of James Pascoe one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Crayton

In the name of God Amen. I James Rhodes of the county of Bertie and State North Carolina being in perfect mind and memory blessed be God. I do this twenty eighth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine make this my last will and testament in the following manner that is to say —

First of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I commend to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executors —

As touching my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life —

I dispose of it in the following manner —

First I give unto my beloved wife Anne Rhodes one negro man James one negro boy Mark one negro woman Cate also the plantation I now live on with all the buildings water mill and appurtenances during her natural life. Also give unto my beloved wife Anne Rhodes one negro boy Jim one negro woman Peg them and their increase to her and her heirs forever also one horse called Buck one man Caleb Rhodes two beds and furniture two cows and calves four ewes and lambs some sows and pigs one yoke of oxen and sheep chisels one loom one wheel one reel one wheel and a suffficient for fodder and pork for the year one tray and one large looking glass and bestal with all the furniture in and about the house of my riding chairs to her and her heirs forever —

My will and desire is of my beloved wife should she receive children by me that the residue be equally divided to children after my just debts are paid but in case my beloved wife Anne Rhodes should have neither child nor children by me I also then give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Anne Rhodes my whole and sole estate lands and tenements after my just debts are paid except two negro boys one named Mark one named Sam to her and her heirs forever —

the above negro boys I have not child nor children by my beloved wife Anne Rhodes I do hereby give and bequeath unto my nephew Jonathan Rhodes Legatee the above negro boys one named Merick one named Jesse to him and his heirs forever ——

Lastly I do constitute my beloved father in law Edward Bullock and beloved friend George Bullock executors to this my last will and testament to do equable to a promise with and as law directs concerning wills. I do hereby revoke all other forms wills gifts and this to be my last will and testament as witness to I do affix my seal and sign my name hereunto this twelfth day of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine in the presence of

James Rhodes Jnr.
Bathsheba Rhodes

James Rhodes (Seal)

State of N. Carolina
Bertie County } Nov Term 1800
The last will and testament of James Rhodes the witnesses in presence by the oath of James Rhodes Jun. one of the subscribing witnesses is ordered to be recorded ——

George Graville

In the name of God Amen I Jesse Rawls of the County of Bertie in the State of North Carolina being of perfect sound mind and memory thanks be given to God for the same but calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows viz First I call to mind my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it hoping through the merits death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have the full and free pardon and remission of my sins and my body I commit to the earth to be buried in a

decent and christian like manner at the discretion of my executor hereafter named and as touch worldly estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow on me I give and bequeath in manner and form as follows first my will is that all my just debts and funeral charges shall be fully paid and discharged ——

Item first I give unto my mother Rebecah Rawls all my rights and titles of all my stocks of of all my cattle horses and hogs and all things with and without to live on as she need as long as she lives after her death then to be divided equally between Levy Rawls and Josiah Rawls and Jones Rawls I do hereby appoint my brother Josiah Rawls and Jones Rawls my hole and soull executors of this my last will and testament and avoid all other wills or testaments by me before made and acknowledge this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of September eighteen hundred ——

Jeremiah Bruce
Turning his mark Bruce

Jesse Rawls (Seal)

State of N. Carolina
Bertie County } Nov Term 1800
The last will and testament of Jesse Rawls dec. was proven in open court by the oath of Jeremiah Bruce one of the subscribing witnesses and is ordered to be recorded ——

George Graville

On Wednesday the 8th day of October 1800 Martha Hanaley departed this life at the dwelling house of James Barnedal leaving where she have resided for four or five years and she having property and being in sound mind & memory disposeth as follows to wit

the goods & chattels one negro Girl named Phillis to Martha Ris-
ridal Woods after the death of her the said Martha Hanaley
October 10th 1800

The above will was proved by the oaths of Elizabeth Mines & Eliza-
beth Lucas before me this 11th day of October 1800

Ed Ward JP

State of Md Caroline County } Nov Term 1800
The nuncupative last will and testament
of Martha Hanaley dec'd was proved in open court by the oaths of
Elizabeth Mines and Elizabeth Lucas and ordered to be recorded

George Graylle

In the name of God Amen I John Nicholls of the State of Maryland
being Queen Anns County being now in perfect health of body and of per-
fect mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling unto
mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed
to all men once to die I do make and ordain this my last will and
testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and re-
commend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it
and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a 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 demise
and dispose of the same in the following manner and form —
First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Nicholls
daughter of Osborn Nicholls all my lands houses and timber thereon

one negro woman named Moll one negro girl called Phillis and
one negro boy called Ishmael and all their increase to her heirs
and assigns forever Item I give to my wife Elizabeth Nicholls one bureau
and all that is in it at my death and one small desk to her heirs
and assigns forever but in case my wife Elizabeth should die without
an heir of her body then in that case I give all to my brother
Osborn Nicholls Item I give and bequeath unto my blood brother
Osborn Nicholls one negro man called Joseph one negro man
called Allen and one half of all my moveable estate to him his heirs
and assigns forever except what I have given away —

Turn over

Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Benjamin Nicholls one large
bible and a fourth part of my moveable part of my estate except
what I have given away to him his heirs and assigns forever —
Item I give and bequeath unto my sister Fanny Ashburn two small
trunks and a fourth part of my moveable estate except what I gave
away before to her her heirs & assigns forever —
Item I give and bequeath unto my nephew John Nicholls one negro
boy called Bill to him his heirs and assigns forever —
And I do request my executors to sell as much of my estate as soon
after my death as possible and pay all my just debts — and I do
hereby appoint John Nicholls Frederick Lawrence and John Webb
Executors of this my last will revoking and disannulling all other
wills before by me made ratifying & confirming this and none
other to be my last will and testament
Signed sealed published pronounced
and declared to be my last will and
testament this 15 day of April 1799 } John Nicholls (Seal)
In presence of us
Test Gideon Nicholls
Benjn Nicholls

State of N.C. Bertie County } Nov Term 1800

The within last will & testament of Sala Nicholls dec'd was proved by the oath of William Pharaby Frederick Lawrence & Amos Harris to be wholly in the handwriting of the said Sala Nicholls as well as his name thereunto subscribed & it was also shewn to the Court that Benajah Nicholls one of the subscribing witnesses is interested in the real estate & therefore cannot prove the same therefore it was ordered by the court that the said last will & testament be admitted to probate and recorded

George Granville

In the name of God Amen I Butler Rosflet of Bertie County in the State of North Carolina being weak in body but of perfect mind & memory do make & ordain this my last will & testament

My will & desire is that my son Thomas Rosflet shall possess & enjoy all the land on the south side of Roanoke river which I have made improvement on & dwell upon. Also I give & bequeath to my said son Thomas a darkey Rosflet one hundred & twenty acres on the north side of Roanoke river beginning at a marked sycamore on the river bank thence running a straight line to a marked limb to the marks of the main branch thence down the main branch to the first station

Also I give & bequeath to my said son Thomas Rosflet the following negroes, viz Sarah & her increase Tomas & her increase Iggy & her increase also Lucy Ann the three little boys & black boy also all the stock of horses & cattle he is now possessing

Item I give to my wife Mary Rosflet during her natural life the land & plantation where I now live beginning at a marked maple in Bonnaquinas branch thence up the said branch to the line thence by a line of marked trees to a pine & a sycamore thence on Thomas Rosflet's corner from thence by a line of marked trees to the corner of a field & thence along the fence to the first station to have Mount Nicholls Cross & the mulberry house, also from there to a cross & to the head of a branch thence by a straight line to a cross from thence by a straight line to a cross on the branch to a spring & from there to the first station & after my wife's decease I give & bequeath to my son Thomas

Rosflet & his heirs the above land. I also lend unto my wife Mary Rosflet a tract of land lying in the long grounds of Roanoke river beginning at a marked cypress, thence running along the main branch to the little marsh, thence down the said marsh to a water oak a marked tree, thence across the creek to a marked cypress & thence up the swamp to the first station, & after her decease I give & bequeath the said land to my son Thomas Rosflet & his heirs. I also lend unto my wife Mary Rosflet the following negroes viz Sam, Charles, George, Ben, Little Rose, Sonny, Denmark, Sarah & Dover & after her decease the said negroes to be equally divided between my four children, namely Mary Rosflet, Rebekah Rosflet, Thomas Rosflet & John Rosflet. I also give and bequeath unto my wife Mary Rosflet my four wheel carriage & horses namely Diamond & Baxter & my riding mare Flower. I also give her all my household & kitchen furniture, one feather bed & furniture for each of her four children which shall be hereafter named & two large looking glasses, two large walnut tables & a large bureau which I now do remain in the house.

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary Rosflet the land & plantation on which I purchased from Asa & Arthur Rollowell, containing one hundred & eighty seven acres more or less, but if my daughter Mary Rosflet or her heirs should ever contend for any part of the land I lend to my son Thomas Rosflet deceased, by a deed of gift then I give the above land & mill to my son Thomas Rosflet & his heirs. I also give to my daughter Mary Rosflet the following negroes viz Lewis, Betsey, Tom, Hawkins, Ruth, Thomas, Mary, Betsy, Bruce, Tony, Tom & Rebecca also one horse called Prince one filly called Polly one horse called the little Bay one feather bed & furniture & one chest of drawers

I give & bequeath unto my daughter Rebekah Rosflet one tract of land on the long grounds of Roanoke which I purchased of the heirs of William Rollowell deceased, & one tract of land lying also in the long grounds of Roanoke which I purchased of the heirs of Isaac Rollers deceased, both together containing one hundred & twenty acres more or less, beginning at a water oak standing on the little marsh, thence across a ~~little~~ neck of land to Bonnaquinas swamp to a marked cypress, thence down the said swamp to William Andrews line, thence along the said Andrews line to the cypress stake, thence up the stake to the first station, but if

my daughter Rebekah Rosfleet, or her heirs should ever contend for any part of the lands I give to my son James Rosfleet deceased as aforesaid, then I give the above lands to my son Thomas Rosfleet & his heirs. I also give to my daughter Rebekah Rosfleet the following negroes viz. Simon, Rogers son Charles, Abram Shadper, Lucy, Cady, Rachel, Ellen, Annica, Peter, Little Lucy, Pilsey & Anne; also one horse called Dunn, one mare called Kate, one ox called young Farmer one feather bed & furniture & one chest of drawers —

I give & bequeath to my son Thomas Rosfleet all the lands on the north side of Roanoke river which my father purchased of Benjamin Freeman, Richard & John Whitaker, Thomas Williams & myself of Nicholas Skinner, which I give to my son James Rosfleet deceased, by a deed of gift. I also give him the following negroes viz. Daniel, Willis, Harry, Parker, Tizzy, old Rose, Cherry, Hannah son Charles, Jacob & Nancy also one black horse named Mark, one mare black, three of Moses Bishop, one work mare, one young horse named Buck, one feather bed & furniture, two large looking glasses, one large buffet, one oval table, six leather bottomed chairs & two armed chairs —

I give & bequeath to my son John Rosfleet two hundred & fifty acres of land purchased of Simon Williams, but by deed of Benjamin Williams, also one hundred & forty acres of land purchased of Littlebury Ebbington, more or less two negroes which John Williams claims with the will, but if my son John Rosfleet or his heirs should ever contend for any part of the lands I gave to my son James Rosfleet deceased, by a deed of gift, then I give the lands I bought of Littlebury Ebbington to my son Thomas Rosfleet & his heirs. I also give him the following negroes viz. great Harry, Abram, Sandy, Tom Pilsey, old Tom, Peter, Peter, Moses & Polly, also one man called Willis, one horse called Stockings, one man called young Bigfoot, one man called Jonas, one horse colt called Jockey, one feather bed & furniture & two large oval tables —

I give & bequeath to my granddaughters Lucy Rosfleet, Louisa Rosfleet & Nancy Rosfleet, one hundred dollars each —

I will my friends to collect all money is due to me by bonds, notes & open accounts to pay all my debts & the legacies left to my three granddaughters —

I also desire my executor to give up to my two daughters Mary & Rebekah their part of my estate now therein mentioned as soon as he may think most expedient after their marriage or arrive to the age of eighteen years —

I desire my executor to divide my cattle & sheep equally between my wife & my four children, namely Mary, Rebekah, Thomas & John Rosfleet at his own discretion —

My will & desire is that my hogs shall be applied to use of my family, & if any should be sold, the money to be applied as my executor thinks best —

I constitute my wife beloved son Marmaduke Rosfleet the sole executor of this my last will & testament, & do hereby utterly disallow all & every other will by me before made, ratifying & confirming only this to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this thirteenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred & ninety nine —

Signed sealed & acknowledged by the said Reuben Rosfleet, as his last will & testament, in the presence of us —
James Swinthorp Grover Sen.
Moses Bishop
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Reuben Rosfleet (Seal)

State of N. Carolina
Bertie County } May Term 1801
The last will and testament of Reuben Rosfleet dec.d was proved in open court by the oath of Moses Bishop one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen. This fifteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred & one I Richard Ebbins of North Carolina in the County of Bertie being very sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God therefore calling to 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 who gave it and my body I recommend to the

earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the direction of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the Almighty power of God and 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, viz —

Item I bequeath unto my sister Nancy Pitchard my negro woman Fib to her and her heirs & assigns forever —

Item I give the land and plantation whereon I now live after the decease of my beloved wife Mary unto my two youngest sons Allen & Nelson to them & their assigns at —

Item I give the above named property left my beloved wife Mary after her decease to be equally divided among all my children —

Lastly I make constitute and ordain my beloved wife Mary executrix of this my last will & testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all other wills before by me made ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament in witness whereunto I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Signed sealed published & declared into & in the presence of us
D. Pitchett
Edward Lawrence

Clashes Pitchard (Seal)

State of N. Carolina
Burke County } May Term 1801 —

The last will and testament of Clashes Pitchard dec'd was proven in open court by the oath of Daniel Pitchett one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded —

Geo. Graybill

In the name of God Amen January 30 day Anno Domino one thousand eight hundred and one I Barock Burch of Burke County being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind & sound memory thanks be given to God for it — therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing 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 recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian like manner at the direction of my Executor nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form —

In the first place I give unto my sister Nancy Pitchard my negro woman Fib to her and her heirs & assigns forever likewise I give unto my sister Polly Williams twenty dollars and all the rest of my estate household goods and all debts due to me to be equally divided between my brother and sisters and I make Lastly I appoint David Pruden to be my sole executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disannul revoke and disallow all and every other former will & testament by me in any wise before made ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament —

Signed sealed published pronounced & declared by the said Barock Burch as his last will and testament in presence of us
Isaac Pitchard
Nancy Pitchard

Barock Burch (Seal)

State of N. Carolina
Burke County } May Term 1801

This day personally appeared Nancy Pitchard one of the witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing and upon her oath says the paper introduced is the last will & testament of Barock Burch dec'd and ordered to be recorded —

George Graybill

In the name of God Amen I Jeremiah Reese of the County of Burke and State of North Carolina having been for some time afflicted but at present enjoying my recollection and being of a disposing mind do make and ordain this as my last will and testament —

In the first place I recommend my soul to God the author of it hereafter and desire and trust that my executors will bury my body in a decent and Christian like manner —

Secondly after all my just debts are discharged I give unto my son William Reese one cow and calf and my mare —

Thirdly I give to Lucy Allison my loom my bee wheel one large and one small one and one chest —

Fourthly I lend to my two sons Edward Tony Allison my plantation whereon I now live for the term of seven years and give unto them all the profits belonging to the plantation after the expiration of the seven years —

Fifthly I give to Rutland and Mary Reese my grandchildren one dollar each —

I also give to my son James Reese after the expiration of seven years my said plantation and if he should die without lawful heir of his body then the land to return to Edward Tony Allison and their heirs forever

Lastly I appoint John Powers and my son William Reese my executors and do revoke and annul all other wills heretofore and hereafter made and make and ordain this as my last will and testament —

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of Abel Lyle Hope and John Hamilton

This the fourth of March eighteen hundred and one

Jeremiah Reese (Seal)

State of North Carolina
Burke County

March Sessions 1805

The last will and testament of Jeremiah Reese was proved in open court by the oath of Abel Lyle Hope one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Graybill

In the name of God, Amen. I John Johnston of Burke County being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God) do this thirty first day of March in the year of our Lord 1805 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say —

First, my will and desire is that so much of my personal estate as can best be spared shall be sold to pay all my just and lawful debts —

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Frances one bed and furniture thereto. I lend to my loving wife Jane Johnston all my land and the rest of my personal property during her life —

Item, My will and desire furthermore is that after the death of my loving wife my land and all my personal estate not given away shall be sold and divided among all my children, giving my daughter Frances Johnston three pounds more in the division than any of the rest of my children —

Lastly I do make and ordain my worthy friend Thomas Wade Executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said John Johnston have to this last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written —

Test Benjn Williams
Thomas his + mark Case

John his + mark Johnston (Seal)

State of North Carolina
Burke County

March Sessions 1805

The last will and testament of John Johnston dec^d was proved in open court by the oath of Benjamin Williams one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded and

George Graybill

In the name of God Amen I William Gray of Bertie County and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament

First I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors, my worldly goods I dispose of in the following manner first I desire that all my just debts be paid —

Item I give and bequeath unto my dutiful daughter Ann Blount one lot in Windsor No 125 and two silver dollars also two cows and calves and two ewes and lambs having already given her a negro girl named Silvey at the day of her marriage to her her heirs and assigns forever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my dutiful daughter Elizabeth Bryan one lot in Windsor No 137 and five silver dollars also two cows and calves and two ewes and lambs having already given her a negro girl named Otheo at the day of her marriage to her her heirs and assigns forever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my dutiful daughter Hannah Rawlins one lot in Windsor No 12 five silver dollars one negro girl named Rachel which I gave her at the day of her marriage and one negro boy named Abel to her heirs and assigns forever — —

Item I give and bequeath unto my dutiful daughter Sarah Gray one lot in Windsor No 36 one negro woman named Lydia and her two children Silvey and Robert and what increase she may have from this day one negro boy name Tom one sorrel mare that I bought of Robert Rhodes two cows and calves two ewes and lambs six mahogany chairs and one bed and furniture to her her heirs and assigns forever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my dutiful daughter Elenor Gray one lot in Windsor No 11 one negro woman named Hannah and what increase she may have from this day one negro boy named Little Otheo one mare called Jenny Lemer two cows and calves two ewes and lambs the remainder part of my mahogany chairs and one bed and furniture to her her heirs and assigns forever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my dutiful son George Gray my plantation and lands called the mill field being bounded in the following manner beginning at a marked pine his late Brother Thomas corner on Cashie river running along his line to a red oak on the mill pond side, then running along the mill pond side to the main road at the broad branch then up the branch along the road to a small branch on the west side of the road, then up the branch to the head to a marked white oak, then south sixty five degrees west to a small branch then down that branch to the side of the broad branch, then along the side of the broad branch westwardly to a small branch near the Church then up a straight line to Daniel Turner's corner in my line then up and along my line to my corner above where I first lived then south along my line that divides John Walton's land and my land to John Rodes line then along John Rodes line to the river then up and along the river side to the first station on lot in Windsor No 29 one negro man named Dick and one bed and furniture to him his heirs and assigns forever — —

Item I give and bequeath unto my dutiful daughter Margaret Gray one lot in Windsor No 55 one negro girl named Bell with all her increase she may have from this day one negro man named Jack my two gray mares Bell and Lucy two cows and calves two ewes and lambs six mahogany chairs the small black walnut table and one bed and furniture to her her heirs and assigns forever — —

Item I lend unto my dutiful daughters Sarah Elenor Margaret and Penelope Gray during their single life the land and plantation whereon I now live with the improvements thereon bounded as follows beginning at the broad branch near brother George Gray's corner at the road then run up the said branch to the mouth of a small branch then running up that branch to the fence where it crosses the said branch then a straight line with the fence to the road that leads from Windsor to the Bridge on Cashie river then along the road to the broad branch then down with the branch the various courses to George Gray's line that meets the broad branch then along his line to the first station and whenever any one of my aforesaid

daughters married she is to have no further use of the said land and plantation and to wit they are all married or dead and so know not what happens I then give the above said land and plantation to my dutiful son William Lee Gray to him and his heirs and assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my dutiful son William Lee Gray all my land joining his land, not heretofore given away, one negro man named Big Peter Eighty silver dollars two cows and calves two sows and lambs and one bed and furniture to him, his heirs and assigns forever ——

Item I give and bequeath unto my dutiful daughter Penelope Gray one negro woman named Louder and her child Charles with such increase she may have from this day one negro boy named Freman one small man called the Doc one other small sorrel mare at the quarter two cows and calves two sows and lambs and one bed and furniture to her heirs and assigns forever ——

Item My will and desire is that my Executors hereafter mentioned have my dwelling house that I now live in put in tolerable repair as soon as it can conveniently be done ——

Item It is my will and desire that my Executors hereafter named erect or cause to be erected to my land on Rarnoak river which I bought of Freman and tenements and sell the said land for the highest price that can be got for it ——

Item I give to my Executors hereafter named my land near the Upper Market containing two hundred and twelve and a half acres to sell to the best advantage for the following purposes the money arising from the sale of the above said land with the money arising from the sale of my quarter called Freman and to be made use of to pay my debts and the remainder if any with all the rest of my State not heretofore given away to be equally divided between my before mentioned nine children share and share alike to them and their heirs and assigns forever ——

Lastly I nominate and appoint my worthy friend Samuel Johnson Squire my nephew William McKinzie, my worthy friend John Roulhac and my sons George and William Lee Gray Executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine ——

Signed sealed and declared by the said William Gray to be his last will and testament in presence of ——
William Rudingham
John Clark

Wm Gray (L.S.)

State of North Carolina } August Term 1801
Bertie County } The last will and testament of William Gray dec^d was proved in open court by the oaths of William Rudingham and John Clark the two subscribers witnesses and ordered to be recorded ——

George Gray Clk

My last will and desire is that my dear beloved mother shall have all of my property after all of my just debts are paid and I do appoint my dear beloved mother one mare by the name of Filly Secondly I give unto my dear beloved mother twenty four head of hogs and Thirdly I give unto my dear beloved mother what Mr Rollinghan Mobley owes for six months work and that this be and is to be my last will and testament and I do leave my dear beloved mother my Executor

John his x mark Bell (Seal)
John Ponder
Edward Walker July the 10th day 1817

State of N. Carolina
Bute County } August Term 1801

The last will and testament of John Hayden was proven in open court by the oath of John Anderson one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded

George Graydle

In the name of God amen I Ephraim Lewston of Bute County being in perfect health and perfect mind and sense and memory thanks be to God for the same knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die do make this to be my last will and testament recommending my soul unto the hands of God and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and for such worldly goods it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I bequeath as followeth viz

I give and bequeath unto my son Ephraim Lewston my lower plantation with all the improvements thereunto belonging to him his heirs and assigns forever bounded as follows beginning at Cashy creek and running as opposite the house to the mouth of the marsh Green branch and thence up the six branch to the back line

Item My will is that my wife Elizabeth Lewston enjoy the rest of my estate both both real and personal during her natural life except one feather bed and furniture which I give to my daughter Sarah Lewston

I give to my daughter Sarah Lewston one negro Boy called Hadrick to her heirs and assigns forever —

Item I lend after the death of my wife I also lend one rume of my house to my daughter Sarah as long as she lives or remains single

Item After the death of my beloved wife I give my plantation whereon I now live to my grandson Thomas Lewston his heirs and assigns forever but in case he should die without issue then

I give the said plantation to the rest of John Lewston children Lewis Lewston of his body to them their heirs and assigns forever —

Item I give to my son John Lewston ten shillings to be paid at the division of my estate and whereas there not given my son John Lewston an equal portion of my estate it is my will and desire that he should enjoy the use and benefit of the plantation whereon I now live after the decease of my blessed wife during the whole time he plans which I have lent to my daughter so long as she shall live single — Lastly I nominate and appoint my son Ephraim Lewston and John Moore my executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 12 day of August 1799

Ephraim Lewston (Seal)

Sarah Lewston
Catharine Lewston

State of N. Carolina
Bute County } Nov Term 1801

The last will and testament of Ephraim Lewston dec^d was proved in open court by the oath of Catharine Lewston one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded

George Graydle

In the name of God amen I Jno Kellett of the County of Bute & State of North Carolina planter being weak in body tho in perfect mind & memory thanks be to the Almighty God for it considering my worldly goods whereunto it pleases God to bless me with I dispose of in the following manner —

Firstly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Kellett one negro girl named Rachel & my four mare Bule & Bridle & saddle with

twenty dollars one bed & bedstead & curtains after all my just debts are paid I give & bequeath to my beloved wife all the property that I am in possession of & all that may return to me by the death of any of my relations at any time or whatsoever — Lastly I appoint my beloved wife & Henry Kelly Executors to this my last will & testament utterly disanulling all former wills —

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of Henry Keller & Nancy West —

Henry Keller Jun.

Nancy her West mark

M. Kitchell (Seal)

State of No Carolina } Nov Term 1801
Burke County } The last will and testament of Eli Kitchell dec. was proved in open court by the oath of Henry Keller Jun. one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded

George Graybill

In the name God Amen I Shadrach Streckfus in the County of Burke & State of North Carolina being sound state of health & perfect sound disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner & form to wit my estate which it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with I give & bequeath in the following manner and form —

Item I give and bequeath to my sister Nancy Darrell my land on Blackburns creek on Swan Log Pond with all my hetchels that belong unto Nancy Darrell should she die without heirs shall be given by her body then my desire that it should be equal divided between my brothers and sisters and the said Nancy Darrell should not make any conveyance or mortgage or any other act

by the direction of my Executor — Item I give & bequeath unto my friend Francis Darrell my silver to my last will & testament revoking all former wills by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the fourth day of February Anno Domini one thousand eighteen hundred and one Signed sealed & published & declared by the said Shadrach Darrell as my last will and testament in the presence of each of the witnesses —

William Hoffman

Francis Darrell

Shadrach his mark Darrell (Seal)

State of No Carolina } Nov Term 1801
Burke County } The last will and testament of Shadrach Darrell dec. was proved in open court by the oath of William Hoffman one of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded

George Graybill

In the name of God Amen I Abraham Taylor of Burke County being in perfect mind and disposing memory thanks be to God for it knowing my time in this life to be short I do make and ordain this my last will and testament, first I recommend my soul to God that gave it, secondly my body to the earth at the discretion of my executors and touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Lucy Taylor, two beds and furniture one desk one chest, two tables, one sorrel horse one cow and bottles one half of all my household furniture, one brass kettle, two iron pots and hooks, one frying pan, one dutch oven one skillet one pair fire tongs one pair fire dogs one pair pot hangers one

candlestick one candle mote one snuffer dish box of snuffers one loom
and shuttle two spinning wheels & card two hackells two lathes & shuttles
two keyes one clock one gun saddle one horse or mare which
she may choose one side saddle one yoke of oxen cart & roll three
cows & calves four head of young cattle three sows & pigs and ten head
of young hogs three ewes & lambs all the yard stock one half of all
my corn & other grain & one half of my pork beef & bacon all my
flax in sacks three pewter dishes three basons six pewter plates
one dozen spoons Sarah to have & hold forever —

2nd Item I give unto my dear wife Sarah during her natural life
my manor plantation one third part of house convenient
Further I give unto my said wife Sarah two hundred & twenty five acres
of land bought of Benjamin Warren one negro man name Cato
one negro woman name Dilsey Further I give unto my said wife
during her widowhood all the land I have in my plantation
bought of Jonathan Thomas & the small tract I have given to Francis Jowers
adjoining the plantation on the lower side of the great branch —

Item I give & bequeath unto my son Richard Taylor the plantation
I have given to him that I bought of Thos Taylor containing twenty
one acres & all the implements and one crown in money
to be given to him & his heirs forever —

Item I give unto my grandchild Lewis Taylor son of Richard Taylor
dec.d during life the plantation I have bought of Jonathan Thomas
that part of the land I have bought of Wm W. Wyatt Gent on the fork of the
great branch & a strip along the plantation so that he may have
sufficient room for a hut & tobacco & to the plantation thereon
to the road & such indian & all that part of said Wyatt land on
the east side of the road on which stands the house excepted he having my
profit & privilege to fish & hunt & the said Lewis the part I have given
him as aforesaid & I do hereby revoke & make void my former will
& testament & publish & declare this to be my last will & testament

Benjamin Taylor George Taylor on the surrender of them unto the said
Taylor until he shall arrive at the age of twenty one or married I give the part I have given
to Benjamin Taylor except a tract of my new land on
Elkhorn and ground on London & my gun & rifle & one hundred & two yards of
cloth & the negroes for the present to go with Benjamin Taylor & the
use of the horses & my cows to be divided between Benjamin & Lewis to my grandchildren
& my old trader I give all the stock —

Item I give and bequeath unto Benjamin Taylor one hundred
acres of land bought of Joseph Thomas & one hundred & twenty five acres of
part of the three hundred acres I bought of Mr Walker Wyatt
formerly the land formerly belonging to Mathias Mitchell, Sarah
Thomas & the main road, and one third part of all the house room
on my manor plantation, one horse, six fat cattle, all my implements
of husbandry, half of all my bacon, pork, beef & wool, all other grain
in hand of hogs, two cows & calves & one heifer & four head of young cattle
two sows & pigs, one feather bed & furniture, two wooden chests, one chest
& saddle, one horse, cart & wheels, one iron pot, all the wooden & tin
ware, dishes, one bason, three pewter plates, six spoons & all my
household furniture, I give to my son one negro man named Cato & all the plan-
tation tools, one horse, two sows & pigs, one hundred & twenty five acres
of land that I bought of Benjamin Warren, the use of the plantation
bought of Jonathan Thomas, all the land lying on the lower side of the great branch, Lewis Taylor son of
Benjamin Taylor dec.d, the other side one negro woman named
Betty, I give unto my son Benjamin Taylor three cows & calves &
three young steers, I give them to him & his heirs forever —

Item I lend unto my son George Taylor during his natural life
all that land & plantation bought of Matthew Jones
and acres of land bought of Bro. Thomas, one fourth of the
of said land, likewise the plantation of Thos Thomas lo-
cated with the exception of part of the land bought of Wm W.
Wyatt as before given to my grandson Lewis Taylor, Item

Taylor, but if my son George Taylor at his decease should leave a law-
full heir or heirs begotten of his body then I give and bequeath the above
said land & premises unto them, but in case he should die without
leaving a lawful begotten heir of his body then I give and bequeath
the aforesaid land & premises to my son Benjamin Ayres &
bequeath unto my son George Taylor one feather bed & furniture one
chest one pewter dish one bason three pewter plates six spoons one
iron pot one young horse & sow & two sows & shoats two small flames &
two sows & pigs to him & his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jemima Ayres
one negro boy named Cesar & one negro girl named Hannah
called Hannah to her & her heirs forever

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Ayres Bell & Catherine Taylor
one negro woman named Fanny & one negro girl named Lucy
Fanny & Lucy to her & her heirs forever

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Rhoda Fletcher
& children & Lucinda & Susanna Mitchell & Nancy Taylor
to her & her heirs forever

All my wearing apparel & the rest & residue of my stock
& household & kitchen furniture & my debts are to be paid out of my
estate & my daughter Ann Taylor Mary Taylor George Taylor Benjamin
Mitchell & Isabella Mitchell & Rhoda Fletcher to share my
estate equally share & share alike & if any should be
unknown or not present & not entitled Rhoda Fletcher
shall be considered as part of my estate Ann Taylor & my executors
Ann Taylor & Mary Taylor are to be my sole heirs to my last will & testament & I do hereby revoke all wills
& other bequests & legacies & bequests & testaments

or any other before made by me & ratifying & confirming this to be
my last will & testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 7th day of November 1801 (Interlined before
executed)

Signed sealed & delivered
in the presence of us
Thomas Williams
Wright Williams
Lawrence his X mark Myers

Abram Taylor

State of North Carolina } Feby Term 1802
Burke County } The last will and testament of Abram
Taylor dec^d was proved in open court by the oaths of Thomas Williams
and Wright Williams two of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded

Jno Gaither Clk

In the name of God amen January 14th 1799 I George Wright
of Burke County being in perfect health and sound mind and memory
do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say
principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands
of God who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried
in decent and christian like manner at the discretion of my executors
nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the
same by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate
as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demise and
dispose of the same in the following manner and form —
Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my son David Wright my
manor plantation on which I now live to my son Solomon Wright to
him the said David Wright his heirs or assigns forever —
Item I give and bequeath to my son George Wright all my household

good and shall weight one feather be sworn a bonison —

IVth Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Bailey one feather bed and bedding bolsters and pillows in her possession —

Vth Item I give and bequeath unto my son Solomon Baright one hundred and twenty four acres of land one hundred he lived upon. left to him the said Solomon Baright to have the said Solomon Baright his heirs and assigns forever —

VIth Item I give unto Mary my beloved wife my mansion plantation and all my household goods and chattels during her widowhood and then to belong to my son George as above said —

Lastly I constitute and appoint my two sons David Baright and George Baright my sole executors of this my last will and testament revoking and condemning all other wills by me made —

George his mark Baright (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said George Baright as his last will and testament in presence of
Peter Rhone
Jno. Buchanan
William Cox
mark

State of Maryland
Washington County } To wit June 1802
The last will and testament of George Baright was proved on oath in court by the oath of Abraham Buchanan one of the subscribers witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Gaither

In the name of God Amen I Matthias Willey of Washington County and State of Maryland being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz. Imprimis I bequeath my wife Polly Willey to enjoy the use of my house and plantation during her natural life or until she shall think proper to marry and then to have the use of the following part of my estate viz. the bed she brought with her and her heirs forever. Item I give unto my son Jacob Willey two feather beds and furniture one desk one table one bureau one bedstead one folding walnut table one pot one dutch oven after my death or my wife's death or both if it is my will and desire that the whole together with all the rest of my estate be it of what nature or kind soever be equally divided between them to them and their heirs forever. Nevertheless if either my wife or child should die before such time it is my will the survivor be it which it may have the whole of my estate but further know ye both should die before such time it is my will that the whole of my estate be equally divided between my two sisters viz. Elizabeth Gaither and Rachel Parker and my wife's two sisters Polly Randall Watson to them and their heirs forever against it is my will that the rest of my estate not particularly mentioned be sold by my Executor the money arising from which with all that is or may be due to me together with my wearing apparel be laid out in land by my executors to be held Tail Male giving without variation in the manner above written —

Lastly I appoint my wife Polly Willey and my friend Isaac Tyner Executors to this my last true will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this second day of Sept. 1804 —

Matthias Willey (Seal)

Test
Samuel Brenaman
Polly Bruce
mark
Polly Rhodes
mark

State of N. Carolina } July Term 1802
Bertie County } The last will and testament of Matthew Walker dec^d was proved in open court by the oath of Lemuel Vaughan one of the subscribers, & ordered to be recorded —

George Graville

In the name of God amen I Thomas Sharrock of Bertie County State of North Carolina being sound in body but of perfect memory memory do make & ordain this my last will & testament. First my will & desire is that all my just debts be paid & for that purpose to sell all my cattle & pine stock the sixth day of June next the year one half of my stock of cattle hogs & sheep my large sorrel horse & my young bay mare that I bought of Jonathan Thomas

Item I give unto my beloved wife Martha Sharrock during her natural life all the remainder of my estate —

Item I give after the death of my wife Martha to Thomas Sharrock I give & bequeath all my estate that is of my just debts paid to be equally divided among all my children —

Further I constitute make & ordain my son Thomas Sharrock my executor of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all other wills & testaments by me heretofore made, ratifying & confirming this to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty seven —

Signed sealed published & declared by the testator as his last will & testament in the presence of us

William Cotton
Willis Holland
Jos. Gordon

Thos Sharrock (Seal)

State of N. Carolina } July Term 1802
Bertie County } The last will and testament of Thomas Sharrock dec^d was proved in open court by the oath of James Governor one of the subscribers, & ordered to be recorded

George Graville

In the name of God amen I John Hill of Bertie County North Carolina being sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory make & ordain this my last will & testament —

Imprimis I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God my Creator trusting in his mercy to dispose of it as he in his infinite wisdom sees best proper —

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Polly Hill during her natural life the following slaves vizt Lewis, Harry, Lucy & Lucy & Fanny & Mary & Rachel & Lucy & Lucy & Lucy

the mare Jude one mare called the cock and mare with all her
colts except her oldest & one dark fuller took & one colt em
bro called two year old two cattle two sows and pigs all other stock
of sheep with corn fodder & other tackling utensils sufficient to carry on
the farm I desire that they not be sold nor removed from the premises
until the furniture in the house will continue with the house —
Item I give to my beloved wife Rebecca Bell & her heirs forever
Item I give & bequeath to my brother Joseph Bell Anthony & his heirs
forever —
Item I give to my sister Elizabeth Anthony one negro girl called
Lucy to her & her heirs forever —
Item I give to my niece Elizabeth Anthony one negro girl called
Jane to her & her heirs forever —
Item I give to my niece Elizabeth Anthony one negro girl called
Lucy to her & her heirs forever —
Item I give to my nephew Joseph Anthony one negro girl called
Lilly to him & his heirs forever —
Item I give to my nephew Joseph Anthony one negro girl called
Jane to him & his heirs forever —
Item I give to my nephew Joseph Anthony one negro girl called
Lucy to him & his

married at the age of twenty one years or has lawful issue then I confirm this my last will. all interlineing done before signing

I do hereby appoint my trusty friends Samuel Johnson & George Grave my executors & Robert Bell and Joseph Overall Senior Executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking & disannulling all former wills by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 16 day December in the year of our Lord 1801

John Bell (Seal)

Signed sealed published & declared to be my last will & testament in the presence of us

Jos Sunstall
John Ruffin
Ann Ann Milburn

in the 5th year the word my left out
in the fifty 5th line the word time left out

State of North Carolina
Pitt County

Feby Term 1802
The last will and testament of John Bell was proved in open court by the oath of James Sunstall one of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded

George Hall

In the name of God amen I Samuel Mear of Pitt County & State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but of perfect mind & memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life do ordain & appoint for all who to die to make & ordain this my last will & testament in the manner & form following that is to say first & principally I recommend my soul to God & my body to the earth to be buried in a decent christian manner at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named and as touching my worldly goods I give & dispose of in the manner following

Imprimis my will & desire is that my funeral charges & debts be first paid & discharged —

Item I lend unto my son Abraham Mear the land & plantation whereon I formerly lived and the land & plantation whereon Benjamin Williams now lives part of which I bought of my brother William Mear & being the land given by my Grandfather Joseph Lord as in a deed of gift to my father & another as also fifty acres of land I bought of my brother William Mear formerly the property of Thomas Lucas & joining the above land as also my grist mill with all the ground & appurtenances belonging & also lend unto my son Abraham Mear the house & stead lying on Roanoak river below the ferry landing & also part of the land I bought at the sale of Thomas Rogers further more my will & desire is that my son Abraham Mear shall pay to his brother William Mear the sum of five hundred dollars in the manner as is hereafter mentioned & in case my said son should marry and have children or child & that may survive him or he my said son may live to the age of twenty one years then & in that case I give & bequeath all the above said lands together with all the improvements thereunto belonging to him & his heirs forever —

Item I lend unto my son William Mear my land & plantation whereon I now live and the land I bought at the sale of Lewis Perdue with all the improvements to them belonging also I lend unto my son William Mear my herring fishery and all my land lying on the south side of Broad creek with the improvements & stands thereunto belonging further more my will & desire is that in case my said son William should marry & have children or child that shall survive him or he my said son shall live to the age of twenty one years then I give & bequeath unto my said son William Mear all the above land and fishery with the stands & improvements thereunto belonging to him his heirs & assigns forever —

Item I give & bequeath unto my two sisters Margaret & Frances Mars equally my wearing apparel & money & my pewter & furniture to each one of my two sisters & their to them their heirs & assigns forever — furthermore it is my will & desire & it is hereby declared that by virtue of any law whatsoever there should be a majority for the sale of the land & whereon I am now living then & hereby I empower my executors hereafter named to have the same sold & to pay out of the money arising from the sale of the personable part of my estate and that be for the benefit of my son William Mars according to the bonds & obligations of the same & the balance of the money arising from the sale of the land & the rent of the same I will & bequeath unto my son William Mars & his heirs & assigns forever & in case any of my children should die before the age of twenty one years & without issue then I empower my executors hereafter named to sell & dispose of any part of the land & property belonging to my estate either separately or jointly as they may think best for the benefit of my estate & also to sell such of my negroes as they may think most advantageous for the benefit of my estate either at private or public sale and my desire is that my executors may sent out my land & negroes & if they think best to hire them out & see & have a care to look after them & whatever they may judge to be most for the advantage of my estate & my desire is that my executors shall have full power & authority to buy either land or negroes with the money arising from the sale of my negroes which they may sell together with the profit arising from my estate of every kind & for certain reasons & considerations my two sons and what is more as not or valid to the use above said shall be paid out of my estate but as soon as my son William comes to the age of twenty one

years he shall lawfully may use the north half part of the land which I now live on together with the north half part of the land & negroes that may be bought by my executors both are to have alike my son William is to have his first choice of the land my executors may buy after a division & the whole of my negroes that I now own except such as my executors may think proper to sell shall be divided in like manner and the other one half to remain in the hands of my executors until my son William comes to the age of twenty one years when he shall or lawfully may draw & receive all his part of my estate but in case either of my sons should marry before they come to the age of twenty one years then by my executors to question of as much of my estate as they may think proper —

Item My will & desire is that my land on Marion County shall be sold for a credit of six months & two sureties taken for the same one of the notes payable to the name of William Barbour esq for the benefit of his estate the other payable to and for the benefit of my estate —

Item My will & desire is that in case both of my two sons should die before they or either of them come to the age of twenty one years unmarried & leaving no lawful issue then and in that case I give and bequeath all my land & to my brother William Mars my brother paying to each one of my two sisters Margaret & Frances Mars the sum of five hundred dollars then due to them their heirs & assigns forever and my negroes with the residue of my estate to be equally divided & among my three sisters Margaret Mars Mary Ivey & Frances Mars to share and to share alike to them their heirs and assigns forever —

Item My will & desire is that if either of my two sons should die before the arrive to the age of twenty one years and leaving no lawful issue then I do unto his surviving brother the

part thereof already bestow'd him in manner and form as above the
Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my worthy friend
Aaron Spivey and my brother William Maurice executors to this my
last will & testament and I do revoke and make void all former
and other wills & testaments by me heretofore made declaring this
and no other to be my last will & testament in witness thereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the tenth day of April
in the year of our Lord 1801 —

Samuel Maurice (Seal)

Signed sealed & published to be
the last will & testament in presence of
us —
Benj. Folds
Edson Hilliard

Be it further that my executors above mentioned
may have full power & authority to keep my business running
in all things which they may think most to the advantage of
my estate, that is only to keep them running this summer, the
above addition was made and the second interlineation of the part
bequeathed him was stricken out before signing in the presence of
us — Signed sealed & witnessed as above

Samuel Maurice (Seal)

Test Benj. Folds
Edson Hilliard

Be it and I desire that my executors shall have full power
in their hands to sell the land specified & bequeathed to me by
the former part of this my will if they shall find
it to be most advantage to my estate — Signed sealed and
acknowledged to be a part of my will in the presence of
Test Benj. Folds
Benj. Folds

Sam. Maurice (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Feb. Term 1802
Orange County }

The last will and testament of Samuel Maurice deceased with the codicil annexed was proved in open court by the oath of Benjamin Folds one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Mayes

In the name of God Amen. I Samuel Maurice the day of February one thousand eight hundred and two of Orange County in the State of North-Carolina being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God for the same 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 gave it unto me and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a 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 hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form —

Item I give and bequeath to my loving son Isaac Maurice one piece of land land of my manner and form following that is to say beginning on Lick branch thence a line of trees to the head of a Lick thence down the Lick to the same branch the down the swamp to the lower corner thence along the branch into