

In the name of God Amen, the ninth day of December
in the year of our Lord Christ 1796 I James Leggett of
Bertie County & State of North Carolina being Sick & weak
in body but of perfect mind and memory & calling to
mind the mortality of my body & that it is appointed for
all men once to die, do make & ordain constitute and appoint
this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis, My will and desire is that my funeral charges &
just debts be first paid — Item, I Give & bequeath unto my
three sons, John, James, & Nath, Leggett all my lands to
be equally divided among them according to quantity and
quality that is to say to share and share alike to them and
their heirs & assigns forever —

Item, I Give and bequeath unto my said three sons John
James, and Nath Leggett one parter bed & furniture to
each one of them —

Item I Give and bequeath unto my four daughters,
Sarah, Elizabeth, Catharine, & Francis Leggett all my negroes,
Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, household furniture, including
all the residue of my Estate (excepting what is already
given away to them their heirs & assigns forever) that is to
say to share & share alike —

Lastly I hereby nominate ordain constitute and
appoint my two brothers Jeremiah Leggett & Alexander
Leggett Executors to this my last will and testament to
execute & fulfill the same according to law, In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the
day & date above written —

Signed Sealed in the
presence of us

James Leggett (Seal)

Thos Collins

Christian Reed

Abraham Currier

State of North Carolina } Feby Term 1797
Bertie County

The last will & testament of James Leggett
decd was proved in open Court by the oaths of Thos

Will of the Subscribing Witnesses &
Ordered to be recorded.

George Gray III

State of North Carolina

In the name of God Amen.

I John Slade of the County of Bertie being of perfect mind and memory make this my last will and Testament. In my beloved wife Sarah Slade I send during her natural life all my lands, reserving the timber of a third thereon; which must not be free or used but for the support of the plantation. —

I Give and bequeath unto my beloved wife aforesaid Two negroes: namely James and Judy, and the one half of all my Horse, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep & Cattle, all just claims against me being first paid. —

I Give The residue and remainder of my Estate, Lands and Tenements, good & Chattels with all other properties of what kind soever, to my eldest surviving Son, David, and bequeath unto the child with which my beloved wife is now pregnant, provided it live to the age of Seventy one years if a Son; if a Daughter until married but if my child should be born dead or die before it attain the age of Seventy one years if a Son, or Marriage if a Daughter then it is my will that my beloved wife have all my Estate, Lands & Tenements, Goods & Chattels with all properties of what soever kind to her use and right forever. —

I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Sarah Slade my Executrix jointly with Messrs George Gray & John Lemmon Executors of this my last will and Testament: hereby utterly revoking and disannulling all former bequests will & Legacies by me heretofore in anywise made; ratifying and confirming this and no other, to be my last will &

Testament; In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety, viz.

John Gray Slade (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the within named testator John Slade to be his last will and Testament in presence of us, who subscribed our names in presence of the said Testator and of each other

Thos Ed. Heare

John Bryan

Thomas Heareway Junr

State of North Carolina, Febry Term 1797—
Bertie County

The last will and Testament of John Slade deceased was proved in open Court by the oath of Thos Edw'd Heare one of the Subscribing Witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray III

I Zedekiah Stone of Bertie County being at this time weak and low in health of body but retaining still my memory and inclination to make and publish this my last Will and Testament: In the first place I Give to my son David Stone and his heirs forever a Tract of Land containing about one hundred acres lying in the pine woods adjoining a piece which he bought of Thomas Barry's Estate, and one other Tract containing two hundred acres lying in Roanoke, Swains and adjoining the lands I formerly gave the said David, and also my small Shop in Windsor and the part of a lot on which it stands. Secondly I Give to my Son David Stone and his heirs or to such person or persons as he by will in writing

or other writings under hand and seal duly executed shall appoint my House and Lots in Windsor with the improvements thereon lately occupied by Mr Joseph Charlton with or without my Estate not particularly divided away, in Trust to hold the said House and Lots and one half of my Estate; for my Daughter Elizabeth Charlton, desiring that my said son and the person or persons he may appoint will retain the possession and disposal of the said property and pay the profits thereof to my Daughter Elizabeth in person or to her order in writing signed by herself; and at the death of my said Daughter Elizabeth in Trust for all the children she may leave equally to be divided among them. —

I Give to my Son David and his heirs the other half of all my Estate not particularly divided away. I Give to my Son David Authority and power to sell and make title to all or any part of the Estate and property (he by devise to him in Trust) that he may think most advisable to sell and hold the money arising therefrom to the same Trust. Lastly I constitute and appoint my Son David Stone and my friend Abner Green Executors of this my will and revoke all other wills I have before made; and set my hand and affix my seal unto this eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six

Zedekiah Stone Seal

Signed sealed published
in presence of
Edward Byrd Jr
John Johnson

State of North Carolina

Fertile County 1 Feb'y Term 1797.

The last will and Testament of Zedekiah Stone dec'd. was proved in open Court by the oath of John Johnson one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I Sarah Pittrell of the County of State of North Carolina being very sick and in body but of perfect mind & sound memory thanks be to God, feeling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all persons once to die, do this the fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety seven make and ordain this my last will & Testament in manner following: That is to say I give & bequeath of all I do command my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it to my body to the earth to be decently buried, at the direction of my Executors hereafter named nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And touching such worldly Estate whereunto it hath pleased God to bless me as I have this life I Give & bequeath & dispose of the same in the following manner —

I Give & bequeath to my well beloved Brothering Law John Pittrell all the money due from him the said John Pittrell to me in a note due to William Pittrell & John Pittrell Executors to the last will & Testament of John Pittrell dec'd to him & his heirs forever.

I Give to him the said John Pittrell one negro Boy named Joles to him & his heirs forever —

I Give to him the said John Pittrell four hogs to him & his heirs forever —

I Give & bequeath to my well beloved Sister Jimima Pittrell six negroes to wit Runney Rose Sale penny Dice & Sam to her & her heirs forever —

I Give to her the said Jimima Pittrell three head of horses four head of cattle & all my household furniture to her & her heirs forever —

I Give to my well beloved Brother Denney Pittrell one Silver Dollar to him & his heirs forever —

I Give to my well beloved Brother John Pittrell son Frederick Pittrell one Silver Dollar to him & his heirs forever —

I Give to my well beloved Brother Standley Pittrell one Silver Dollar to him & his heirs forever —

My will & desire is that after all my just debts is paid that all the money due from Samuel, Sean & Joshua Spivey by note to be paid to Jimima Mitchell & the same I Give to her she hereafter -

I Likewise I make and appoint my trusty friends John Mitchell & Adam Spivey my sole & exclusive Executors to this my last will & Testament & I do hereby utterly disallow revoke & annul all my other former will Testament Legacies bequests & Executors by me in anywise before named & used, or bequest, ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & fix my seal this the day & date above written

Test. James Rof

Sarah ^{her} Mitchell ^{mark} *(Dea)*

Sir Nathan

State of N. Carolina, Feb. Term 1797
Perdue County

The last will & Testament of Sarah Mitchell dec'd was proved in open Court by the oath of James Rof one of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded.

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen, I Lamb Hardy of the State of North Carolina & County of Perdue Schoolmaster being well in Body, but of perfect mind & memory do constitute and ordain that my last will and Testament First I recommend my Soul to Almighty God breathing his most precious Acceptance of it thro' the merits of my Redeemer Jesus Christ, And my Body to be laid to be Buried in a Decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named - and as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to Bless me with I dispose of in the following manner, viz. -

First I will and desire that my wife Minfred shall have the use of all my Estate to keep her & raise my children during her widowhood, but if she

marries, then to have an equal & proportionable part of my Estate with each of them except my Land, but to have no right to any part of my Land after she marries. I will, and desire that my two sons Thomas & William P. be bound to some good person or persons to learn some good & sufficient trade, as soon as they come to the age of ten or twelve years, and I desire that my loving wife should keep and bring up my little daughter Elizabeth, but if my wife die before she is raised, then I desire that she should also be bound to some good person -

I Give & bequest to each & every one of my children an equal & proportionable part of my Estate both real & personal according to value. And whereas my mother's negro man Pans has begun a Farm. Kitchen & my Land, I give him liberty to burn it & take it off, provided that he give to my heirs every fourth Barrel at the landing clear of all expenses -

Next, and lastly, I constitute and appoint my Brother William P. Hardy & my brother Benjamin Hardy, Executors and my loving wife Minfred Hardy Executive of this my last will & Testament, ratifying this & no other to be my last will & Testament - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 5th day of July Anno Domini 1797 -

Signed sealed, declared & pronounced Lamb Hardy *(Dea)* in presence of

Abner Williams

Elizabeth ^{her} & daughter

Elizabeth ^{mark} Williams

State of N. Carolina,
Perdue County } Feb. Term 1797

The last will & Testament of Lamb Hardy dec'd was proved in open Court by the oath of Abner Williams one of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded.

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I Sarah Nicholls of the State of North Carolina and County of Wake being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory do constitute and ordain this my last will and Testament, First of all I recommend my soul to Almighty God beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it through Jesus Christ my redeemer and my body to the earth to bury in a decent Christian burial at the direction of my Executors hereafter named, — And as to my worldly Estate, I dispose of in the following manner — First I Give and bequeath to my son Lockhart Williams one negro man named Jacob —

Secondly, I Give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Nicholls one negro Girl named James —

Thirdly, I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Fanny Nicholls one negro Boy named Stephen and one negro Girl named Hilly; and also one brand, one sheep, one pig, Silver Sugar Hogshead of a dozen Silver tea spoons, one round black walnut tea table, and one bed and furniture —

Then I Give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Nicholls one red painted chest, and one half of my stock of cattle, hogs &c. and the other half of my stock of cattle, hogs &c. I Give to my Daughter Fanny Nicholls.

Then I Give to John Nicholls that married my Daughter Elizabeth Williams five shillings in full for his and my son's daughter Elizabeth's part and portion of my Estate —

Then I Give and bequeath the rest of my estate to be equally divided between my son Benjamin & my daughter Fanny —

Then and Lastly I do constitute and appoint my son Lockhart Williams and my friend Williams B. Hardy Executors of this my last will and Testament utterly revoking all former wills or wills, 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 this 27th day of August in the year of our Lord 1796 — Sarah Nicholls (Seal)

Signed sealed Declared
and pronounced in
presence of

George Nicholls
Eliam^{hus} Johnson
miller

State of North Carolina / Wake County / May Term 1797

The last will Testament of Sarah Nicholls deceased was proved in open Court by the oath of George Nicholls one of the subscribing witnesses ordered to be recorded.

George Baring JCL

I Jasper Charlton being at present very weak in body but retaining my understanding and memory do make and declare this to be my last will and Testament and revoke any former will that I may have made in the first place I Give to Elizabeth Hughes the younger one hundred pounds and twenty and lastly, I Give all the rest of my Estate both real and personal to my wife Elizabeth Charlton, my Daughter Elizabeth Charlton and my son J. Lewis David Charlton to them and their Heirs to be equally divided between them and constitute my Friends George Hart and David Stone Executors of this my will with full power to them to dispose of my Estate in such manner as they may think most for the benefit of my Legates — and I wish it also to be known that for these several days past I have been so extremely weak and unwell as to be entirely incapacitated till now from making either Declaration and am fearful that something improper may have been extorted from me while in that deranged state. In testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this second day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

Signed sealed &

Jasper Charlton (Seal)

Published in presence of
John M. Haulson
John Hagan
Jas. Raper

State of N. Carolina } May Term 1797
Bertie County

The last will & Testament of Jasper Charlton
decd. was proved in open Court by the oath of Josiah Raper
one of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded.

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen. I Henry Clay Milburn of
the County of Bertie and State of North Carolina know
that it was once appointed for all men to die I do make
this my last will and Testament. First of all I recom-
mend my soul unto God who gave it and my body to be
buried at the direction of my Executors hereafter named.
Item My will is that my House and Lot that is in
Mendoc should be sold with all bills bond and account
to pay my just debts.

Item I leave unto my mother Ann Milburn one feather
bed and furniture her natural life and after her death
I give the same to my brother Arnold Clay Milburn.

Item I Give unto my brother Arnold Clay Milburn one
brown likewise my white lode water and broad chest
three pair of Antelope breeches two pair of Cotton stockings
one pair of silk stockings and the rest of my clothes
to be divided between my two Brothers Alexander and
Arnold Milburn.

Item I Give unto my brother Alexander Milburn one
brown

Item I Give unto my sister Elizabeth Milburn brown
Item I Give unto my beloved wife Marsha Milburn
all the land and negroes that we share or would
have been hers by the death of any of her relations
before the marriage of us or since, also the balance

of my Estate after my just debts paid I bequeath and
appoint John Raper William Haulingham and John
Smithwick my heirs and Executors to this my last will and
Testament and I do hereby utterly revoke and disannul
all former wills Testaments by me made ratifying and
confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testa-
ment in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this light day of March and in the year of our
Lord 1797.

Sub
Joseph Flecher
Elijah Perkins

Henry Clay Milburn (Seal)

State of N. Carolina, May Term 1797
Bertie County

The last will & Testament of Henry
Clay Milburn decd. was proved in open Court by the
oath of Elijah Perkins one of the subscribing witnesses
& ordered to be recorded.

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen February 20th 1797
I Herbert Pritchard being of sound mind and memory
do make and ordain this my last will and Testament
in manner and form following (viz) In the first place
I wish and desire that my old plantation on the road
by the name of Rices be sold by the Executors and the
land adjoining it being one hundred and forty acres
and all my debts paid and all expenses and the re-
mainder of the money to be equally divided between my
Children Abraham Elizabeth, Zadock Hugh and Martha.
2dly I Give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah
Zasuter five shillings sterling to her the said Sarah
Zasuter her heirs and assigns forever.
3dly I Give and bequeath unto Abraham Pritchard
Elizabeth Pritchard Zadock Pritchard and Hugh

ritchard like Wanchin whom this which I bought of Solomon Stone, and two hundred one, seven acres that belonging to be equally divided between them Elizabeth to have the 3/4 of the same, which division is not to be made till Hugh comes of age, also I give Elizabeth one feather bed and furniture, she keeping the family together and also all the profit of the said Land till Hugh comes of age — & they I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Ritchard one lot in the town of Dedham and one for the lot to her the said Martha her heirs and assigns forever —

Lastly I appoint my friends William White and James
March and my daughter Eliza both to be my sole Executors
of this my last will and Testament. That my grand son
Frederick and none else to be my last will & Testament.

H. Fritchard Seal

Signed Sealed published and
declared to be my last will
and testament written with my
own hand

Cladial Sewell
Ezekiel Sewell
Christian^{mark} Sewell

State of N. Carolina, May Term 1797
 Bertie County

The last will & Testament of Herbert Mitchell
As above proved in open Court by the oath of
Ezekiel Powell one of the subscribing witnesses
and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen! I Ezekiel Williams of the State of
Rhode Island County do hereby certify to mind the uncertainty of this
life to make & sign this my present last will & testament in the
following manner, to wit, I commend my soul to him who
gave it, & my body to be decently interred at the discretion of my
executors hereafter named, my temporal estate I give & devise in
the following manner - after my just debts are paid -

I stand unto my wellbelov'd wife Sarah during her widow-
hood all my property of every kind & after marriage, or
death, I give & bequeath all my ^{right} property to be equally divi-
ded between my said wife Sarah & my children George,
Rachel & James Williams, each having an equal share,
to them their heirs & assigns forever, the property is hereof the
mentioned two cows & calves, 2 feather beds & furniture 13
head of hogs, one set shoe makers & the cooper tools one oil,
one hoe, 1 one gun, 2 bl. & ts, one barrel & stoves, one table, 1/2 box
powder & 1/2 B. Canthim plates 1 B. kays & screws 5 tin snips, 2
wheels, 1 p. fire dogs, 1 shovel 1 spade 1 kettle, one pot & earthen
dish & shawl —

my desire is that my sons George & James be bound one
to a Riggin & the other to a Taylor when old enough. —

Finally I nominate & appoint my well beloved wife Sarah Williams Executive of my private Executor to this my last will & testament. I have acknowledged it & placed my hand & seal this 25th of July 1897.

Esquil Williams (Jr)

Signed & acknowledged before us
 this 1st day of Feb. 1880. *John W. Adams, Justice, Town*

State of Maryland }
Baltimore County } May Term 1797

The last will & testament of Elizabeth Williams
deceased was proved in open court by the oath of
Charles W. Brooks one of the subscribing witnesses
& ordered to be recorded.

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen, October the thirteenth One thousand seven hundred and ninety six I Jesse Garrett of the County and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory blessed be almighty God for the same Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life to make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first I will that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and discharged —

Item I Give to my beloved wife Rachel Garrett six negroes by names of Tony, Wm, Jerummell, Jude, Venus and little Jude her feather beds and furniture one chest one table six chairs three firewood chests six firewood boxes twelve spoons one cloth loom all my wearing gear two iron pots one spinning frame one wooding wheel two chairs one pair cotton records one pair wood boards one earthen dish six earthen plates three axes three wrenches two shubbing hoes two plow hoes and harnes one pair iron wedges two horses her choice of my horses one mans saddle and one woman's saddle two bridles twenty head of cattle her choice twelve sheep her choice one or cart wheels yoke ring and staple one horse cart and wheels and my cart and ploughs one can of table knives and forks one pair fire dogs and fire tongs one hand saw one pair of flail stones and all my Cooper tools and my brandy still all the above mentioned articles I bid and leave the use of them to my wife Rachel Garrett during her natural life, I also bid and leave my wife the use of my manor plantation and my grist mill with four hundred acres of land adjoining and the said four hundred acres of land to include my grist mill and all my dead and lands belonging to my plantation whereon I now live lying between the new road which runs by my plantation and leading by Jernagans to Honey Creek road and the line of Jernagans as shall be mentioned to be run and settling in this my last will and testament only reserving to my son Jesse Garrett that he shall have the privilege

of binding his grain to make bread for his family use free from paying any toll, and I also reserve the raising clothing and boarding of my children that they shall be maintained on that part of my estate lent to my wife free from any charge whatever except their schooling then all the above mentioned articles and land I lend to her during her natural life —

Item I Give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rachel Garrett all my hogs all the meat and fat and all my corn and potatoes and all my crop of every kind and all my brandy and all my money now by me bonds notes and accounts excepted and all my trees and fowls of every kind all which I give to her and her heirs forever —

Item I Give and bequeath to my two sons Daniel Garrett and Jacob Garrett one negro man Jack to be equally divided between them and that to be their full share of my estate with what they have already received I give them and their heirs forever —

Item I Give and bequeath to my son James Garrett a tract of land known by the name of Jernagans lying on both sides of the great branch beginning on the run of said branch two hundred yards below my cornfield fence on said place and running from thence the course of said fence as far as the fence continues and then to continue the line down across my land to Mudham Jernagans or John Hollommestines may happen and then to continue with Hollommestines to Skimmer line and to continue on Skimmers line and my back line round to the first station which I bid to him and his heirs forever my will and desire is that if my son James should die without heirs lawfully begotten of his body that the land and plantation given to him should return to my son Jesse Garrett which I give to him and his heirs forever in case James should die without heirs lawfully begotten of his body, I also give my son James one negro boy named Jerry and that to him and his heirs forever silver dollars he hath received in his part of my estate which he is to account for before he receives any more and I also leave the land and negro given to my son James Garrett to be delivered up to him

And James at the time he arrives to the age of eighteen years
I say to him and his heirs forever —

Item I Give and bequeath to my son Jesse Barret all
the remainder part of lands and plantations and mill
lying between the ruin of the house and the mill
to be run for James Barret with my manor plantation
and the land lent to my wife all which I Give to him and
his heirs forever and if Jesse should die without heirs
lawfully begotten of his body then I Give the lands I give to
him to my son James Barret I say to him and his heirs
forever, I also give my son Jesse one negro boy named
Silas and that he count two hundred and twenty five
Silver Dollars in his part of my Estate which he is to
account for before he receives my money I say to him and
his heirs forever —

Item I Give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah by
one Court and fifty and five sheep and that to be her full
share of my Estate with she hath already received I say
to her and her heirs forever —

Item I Give and bequeath to my two sons Timothy
and John Barret two negroes by names of Abram and Isaac
with all the profits that may arise from their hire to be
equally divided between them at the time Timothy shall
arrive to the age of twenty one years and if either Timothy
or John should die without heirs lawfully begotten of their
body then I Give the two negroes Abram and Isaac to the
one which may be living with all the profits that both
arise or may arise thereon which I Give to the said
Timothy and John their heirs forever —

Item I Give and bequeath to my daughter Millie
one negro woman named Flora and that to be her
full share of my Estate with what she hath already
received I say to her and her heirs forever —

Item I Give to my son my son Thomas Barret
one negro man named Isaac which he hath already
received I say to him and his heirs forever —

Item I Give and bequeath to my Panny Barret
one negro Girl named Tally to her and her heirs forever —

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Barret
one negro Girl named Kate to her and her heirs forever —

Item I Give to my daughter Elizabeth one negro Girl
named Ester to her and her heirs forever —

Item all the residue or remainder of my Estate not
before given or lent I leave to be equally divided between
my seven children (to wit) Jesse Barret James Barret
Panny Barret Mary Barret Timothy Barret John Barret
and Elizabeth Barret in manner and form following
whenever either of the above named children shall arrive to the
age of twenty one years or marry to be divided and that
one to receive his or their share and the other six parts to all
continue together till another shall arrive to the age of twenty
one or marry then that one to receive his or her part and
the remaining five parts to continue together again and so to
be equally divided till the last one shall arrive to the
age of twenty one or marry I also leave all that part of
my Estate lent to my wife to be equally divided between
them my seven children at the death of my wife share
and share alike (to wit) Jesse Barret James Barret
Timothy Barret John Barret Panny Barret Mary Barret
and Elizabeth Barret which I give them and their heirs
forever —

Lastly I constitute appoint and ordain my son and
law James Cherry my whole and sole Executor of this
my last will and testament in whom I also invest full
power and authority to act as he shall think most ad-
vantagious for the benefit of the children in disposing
of the property hereby bequeathing and revoking all
former wills and testaments heretofore made bequeathed
or ratified hereby ratifying and confirming this
and no other to be my last will and testament
Signed sealed published and declared by the said
Jesse Barret the testator to be his last will and testa-
ment in the presence of us who were present at the
time of signing and sealing thereof

John Watson
Christian ^{son} Waller
William ^{son} Waller

Jesse Barret Dece

State of the Carolina (May Term 1797)

(Wake County)

The last will & testament of Jesse Barrett dec'd. was proved in open court by the oaths of Henry, Loaston William and two of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded.

George Spray Clk

In the name of God amen. I John Allen of North Carolina County of Wake being very sick weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto God, feeling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain that my last will & testament; that is to say principally first of all I Give & 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 with in this life, I Give, devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form —

Item 1st I Give to my well beloved wife Ann Allen during her widowhood my manner plantation whereon I now live & the land lying between the great pond & Branch Water line & Chumattock Swamp & also the west part of my land which I sold for my son James Allen lying between the great pond & branch to Watons line & Chumattock Swamp with all my household furniture of kind or denomination & all my negroes stock of cattle horses sheep Hogs & plantation tools of all kinds —

Item 2^d I Give to my loving son John Bet Allen my manner plantation and the land lying between

direct course from Mr. Sumner Turners north corner & top of the long old field to the mouth of a branch where William Hunter lived at the run of Chumattock Swamp to him and his heirs forever & also half the Swamp land from the mouth of Chumattock Swamp down to Mr. Pollocks line, it being then & is part to him and his heirs forever —

3^d I Give to my well beloved son James Bate Allen the west part of my land lying between the great pond & branch to Watons and bounded on Watons land and Chumattock Swamp then down the Swamp to the dividing line of fore said and also half the Swamp land in Hogquist being the low part joining Mr. Pollocks land to him & his heirs forever —

4th I Give & bequeath to my well beloved daughter Mead Hunt my Island land joining James Bate and David Standleys land, 1 mare & feather bed which she hath already received to her and her heirs of her body forever —

5th I Give The land I purchased from Sumner Turners to I leave for the use of my manner plantation during my wife's widowhood & then to be equally divided between my two sons John Bate Allen & James Bate Allen the line running North & South course & John to have the East part & James to have the west part —

6th I Give to my well beloved daughter Sarah Allen a tract of land beginning at Watons line and running a West course through a Duck Pond Twenty yards to a big ash tree then running North West course till it comes opposite a large pond where Samuel Williams land runs through & thence running a East course to Samuel Williams line with four hundred acres that I purchased from John Johnston 1 Negro Girl named Bird & two cows & calves 1 bed & furniture One young mare 1 Bridle & saddle to her and the heirs of her body forever —

7th I Give to my well beloved daughter Mary Bate Allen that tract of land lying between the Great pond and Mr. Turners line Mr. Jones & James Bates line being the South part of the portion granted to John Smith 1 Negro Girl named Jude 1 feather bed two cows & calves 1 Young mare Bridle and saddle

to she and her heirs forever—

gthly I Give to my beloved Daughter Martha Allen at the day of marriage or eight years of age I like by negro that she shall choose 1 feather bed 2 cows & 2 horses 1 young mare bridle & saddle to her her heirs forever—

gthly I Give to my well beloved Daughter Elizabeth Allen at the day of marriage or at the age of eight years I like by negro that she shall choose 1 feather bed 2 cows & 2 horses 1 young mare bridle & saddle to her and her heirs forever—

My desire is that my son John Bate Allen & James Bate Allen at the age of twenty one years old should have 1 feather bed 2 cows & 2 horses 1 horse bridle & saddle a piece—

My desire is that after the death of my wife that my two daughters Martha Allen & Elizabeth Allen should have first choice of 1 negro each & then all the rest of my negro stock of all kinds to be equally divided between all my children?—

I do hereby appoint Joshua Freeman & John A. to be Executors to this my last will and Testament. And I do hereby disallow revoke disannul all and every other former Testaments wills legacies & Bequests whatever, Ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament; In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Twenty fourth day of September one thousand seven hundred Eighty Eight—

John Allen (Seal)

Signed sealed published and pronounced and declared by the said John Allen to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us, who in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names
William & Boyce

John Fegitt

State of S. Carolina, Augst Term 1797
Bertie County

The last will & Testament of John Allen dec^d was proved in open Court by the oath of William Boyce one of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded.

George Enay Ell

In the name of God Amen

I Jacob Freeman of Bertie County and State of South Carolina being very weak and to the body and of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God for his Grace and calling to mind the uncertainty of life do make and Ordain this to be my last will and Testament And first and principally of all I Give and recommend my soul to God who gave it me hoping to be saved in the Christian manner at the discretion of my Survivors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same in perfect shape, And as to wishing what worldly Goods I have pleased Almighty God to bestow upon I Give and dispose of in manner and form following—

First I Give unto my loving Sister Ensign Poole my negro Girl ~~for~~ until my Cousin Margaret West arrives at eighteen years of age or her marriage and then I Give and bequeath the above 10 negro Girl to my Cousin Margaret West to her & her heirs forever and if she be negro Girl should have a child or children before that the above 10 Margaret West should arrive at the above 18 years for them to be her and her heirs forever. Item it is my will and that after my just debts is paid that the remaining part of my estate to be equally divided between my Cousin Mary West and my Cousin Elizabeth West and if in case my negro Girl Pat should die leaving no children before my Cousin Margaret West should arrive at the age

before mentioned for the whole of my estate to be
equally divided between my beloved Mary West
my beloved Margaret West and my beloved
Elizabeth West. It is my will and desire that my
beloved Elizabeth West should have all my wearing
apparel to dispose of among her children
at her disposal. And lastly I constitute and
ordain my Brother in law James West my executor
to this my last will and testament signed
written & declared to be her last will & testament
in the presence of us this twentieth day of
October one thousand seven hundred & ninety
five

Sarah West Sarah ^{for} ~~West~~ ^{Hymen} ^(Seal)
James West

State of ~~North~~ Carolina, Aug^o Term 1797
Berke County) The last will & Testament
of Sarah Hymen and was proved in open
court by the oath of James West &
Sarah West to the Subscribing witnesses
& ordered to be recorded
George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen, I George Davis
of Berke County and State of North Carolina
being weak in body but of sound
perfect mind and memory thanks be to
almighty God for the same but
feeling the mortality of our
nature and that it is appointed for
man once to die do make and ordain
this my last will and testament

in manner and form following that is to say First
I bequeath to my well beloved wife Elizabeth Davis all
my estate both real and personal during her
natural life after her decease my will and desire
is that my youngest son Miles Davis should
have all my lands and plantation whereon I now
live to him his heirs and assigns forever and
there unto my said son Miles Davis our bond and
covenant my will and desire is that after my wife's
decease all my estate not before given to be
equally divided among my children I also
nominate and appoint Thomas Sutton ^{for} ~~executor~~
of this my last will and testament in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my seal this 14th day of March 1797

Signed by the testator George Davis R^o
In presence of us
Elizabeth ^{for} ~~Davis~~ ^{Hymen} Henry bott

State of ~~North~~ Carolina, Aug^o Term 1797
Berke County) The last will &
Testament of George Davis and was proved
in open court by the oath of Henry bott
one of the Subscribing witnesses and ordered
to be recorded
George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen,
I Mary Callum being of perfect and disposing
mind and memory, and the age of present
time by the goodness of almighty God blessed
with a tolerable share of health yet calling
to mind the frailty of human nature & the
unavoidable necessity where by it is
determined for us all once to die with
my own advanced period of life & the

Consequent and necessary approach of my end
 & dissolution do make constitutions and appoint
 this my last will & testament hereby revoking
 all other and former wills by me made
 In the first place I resign my soul to the goodness
 of God the author of its existence ^{my} & desire to the
 want to be buried in a decent & Christian like
 manner. Also if there should be any just claims
 against me it is my sincere desire they should
 be instantly paid out of the small portion of
 this worlds goods I may be possessed of—
 In the next place it is my will and desire to and
 hereby give & bequeath to Elizabeth, then and one
 year and 8 months; One cow and calf one
 horse and yearling with here increase one linen
 cabinet one bed one room one chest one pater
 dish and basin & two silver plates—
 Thirdly— I give to John Thomson the use of
 One bed & furniture & my wares during his
 life and at his decease I give & bequeath the
 said bed & furniture to James Thomson & his
 heirs and the said wares to Charles Thomson
 and his heirs—
 Fourthly I give and bequeath to John Thomson
 son of William One good year old Steers with
 her increase and all the rest of my flock of
 cattle to William Thomson & his heirs—
 Fifthly— I give and bequeath unto the
 aforementioned Elizabeth all the remainder of
 my goods & estate of whatever kind or nature
 her may be
 Lastly I constitute and appoint William
 Thomsons sole Executor of this my last
 will & testament In witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand & seal this
 fifteenth day of August In the year
 of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
 & ninety one—

Signed sealed & declared
 in presence of us
 David Stone
 & Charles

Mary ^{for} William 
 mark

State of ~~North~~ Carolina Aug^t Term 1797
 Berke County

The last will & testament of
 Mary William ~~Dec~~ was proved in open Court
 by the oath of David Stone Esq. one of the
 Subscribing Witnesses and ordered to be
 recorded.
George. Gray, Clk

In the name of God Amen I John Smith of Berke
 County in the province of North Carolina being
 weak in body but blessed be God retaining my
 perfect sense and memory ever knowing there is
 appointed time once for all men to die and
 calling to mind the uncertainty of life and
 mortality of my body do make and ordain
 this my last will and testament thereby revoking
 and first of all I recommend my soul ^{into} ~~into~~
 the hands of almighty God who gave it and
 my body I commit to the earth to be buried in
 a Christian like manner at the discretion
 of my Executors hereinafter named nothing
 troubling but at the General resurrection—
 I shall receive the same again with the
 mighty power of God and as touching my worldly
 estate wherefore it is please God to bless me in
 this life after my just debts being paid
 and discharged I give and bequeath in the
 following manner
 I give and bequeath unto my son
 William Smiths two hundred acres of
 land be the same more or less laying

on the North Side of Raccoon River beginning
at Passons River bank running down the river to a
corner pine tree along a line of marked trees
to ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~at~~ ^{at} Charltons Creek then up the bank
to the line that parts the said land and branch
then down along that line to Passons River and
then to the first Station to him and the heirs of
his body lawfully begotten forever and for want
of such heirs I give and bequeath the said land
to my Daughter Martha Smithwick and the
heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever
I give and bequeath to my Daughter
Martha Smithwick a certain parcel of land of
about five acres by estimation as the same
more or less beginning at a corner Gum in
Charltons ~~Creek~~ ^{read} ~~then~~ ^{to a corner} ~~tree~~ ^{red oak} ~~then~~ ^{then along the line to another red oak}
to a corner ~~tree~~ ^{red oak} then along the same line to
another red oak a corner tree then along
the line to another red oak a corner between
Bentley and me then down that line William
Smithwick corner tree and sets to down the bank
to the first Station to her and the heirs of her
body lawfully begotten forever and for want
of such heirs I give the said land to my
son William Smithwick to him and the
heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever
I give and bequeath unto my son Luke
Smithwick two hundred and fifty five acres
of land by estimation as the same ^{more} ~~more~~ or
less to him and the heirs of his body lawfully
begotten forever for want of such heirs
I give the said land to my son Joel
Smithwick to him and the heirs of ^{his} body lawfully
begotten forever beginning at a red oak a
corner tree upon the North Side of the
great Swamp then along a line of marked
trees to the end of a pond then along
that pond to a pond to a gum a corner tree

from thence near the same course to Charltons
Creek to a pine a corner tree from thence down the Creek
to a small branch then up that branch to a red oak
then along that line to the upper end of the meadow
to a corner tree a pine then down the South side of
the meadow to a red oak a corner tree from thence
across the bridge to the head of a branch to a corner
tree and set then down the said branch to Charlton
Creek then down the bank to the mouth of the above said
great Swamp then up the Swamp to the first Station
I give and bequeath unto my son Joel
Smithwick my Manor plantation to him and the
heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever and
for want of such heirs I give the said plantation
and land following to my son Luke Smithwick
and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever
which said land by estimation contains about
two hundred and fifty five acres as the same
more or less beginning at a corner tree upon Wm
Smithwicks corner tree to him then running down the
mouth of a branch which divide Wm Bentleys line
and mine to along that branch conducting the
line that goes down to the islands then up the
Swamp to a red oak corner division I give and bequeath
Smithwick then along that line but to Charlton
Creek then up the Creek to Wm Smithwicks
corner a gum then down that line to the first
Station
I give and bequeath unto my Grand son son
Sutton to him and the heirs of his body lawfully
begotten forever twenty acres of land by estimation as
the same more or less and for the want of such
heirs I give the same parcel of land to the next
surviving heirs of his mother lawfully begotten of
her body and for want of such issue I give
the said land to my son Luke and to the heirs
of his body lawfully begotten forever beginning
at the side of the meadow at a corner red oak

then running down the meadow and along the
bank to a gum corner tree then down that gum
along the down of the meadow to a white oak in
the branch to then down the branch to another
oak then down the bank to a branch then up
the branch to another oak corner tree then
across the ridge to the first station
I then I give unto my daughter Sarah one Shilling
Sterling

I then I give and devise unto my daughter Mary
one Shilling Sterling I then I give and devise
unto my daughter Hannah one Shilling
Sterling

I then I bind unto my loving wife Sarah
Smithwick all my personal estate to be at her
disposal during the time of her life or widow-
hood after the death or marriage of my wife
My will and desire is that my personal estate
should be equally divided between Martha Smithwick
Lutie Smithwick and Jack Smithwick & constitute
and appoint my son Wm Smithwick Edward
Edmondson Smithwick Isaac Bannister & John
Hard my sole and exclusive to his my last
will and testament and also hereby utterly
revoke and disannul all former wills
testaments by me heretofore made ratifying
and confirming this and no other to be my last
will and testament in witness whereof I
have set my hand and seal this 8th day
of June and in the year of our Lord god
1764

Test ^{his} John ^{mark} Smithwick 
Richard ^{his} ^{mark} Lawrence

Channah Duggan

State of North Carolina } Nov Term 1797
Bertie County }

The last will & Testament of John Smithwick dec^d
was proved in open Court by the oath of
Channah Duggan one of the subscribing witnesses
and ordered to be recorded

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I Smell Betole of
Bertie County & State of North Carolina of Bertie
being very Sick & weak of body out of sound mind
and perfect memory blessed be God calling unto
mine the mortality of my body & knowing that it is
appointed for all persons once to die do make & ordain
this my last will & testament in manner following
that is to say principally & first of all I bequeath and
devise and my soul into hands of all wise god that
and my body I return and to the earth to be buried
in decent christian burial at the discretion of
my Gentles hereafter & am nothing doubting but
at the general resurrection I shall receive it
again by the mighty power of god and taking
such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased
allmighty God to bless me with in this life
I give & bequeath and dispose of in the following
manner and form

I then I give and bequeath to my well beloved
sister Lucy Betole one negro boy called Steven
to one negro girl called Hannie to her her and
heirs forever that being her part of my property
which I intended for her

I then I give and bequeath to my well beloved sister
Clara Betole one child to her her and her heirs
forever I then I give & bequeath to my well
beloved Brother William Betole five
shillings to him his heirs & heirs forever
I then I give & bequeath to my near kinsship

Belote one huffer to her her and asins forever
 my will & desire is that all the rest of my property
 shall be equilly divided between my two
 Brothers & then I then Noah Bilote one fifth
 part & Thomas Bilote one fifth part & my
 Sister Catharine Bartle one fifth part & my
 Sister Ann ~~one fifth part~~ & my Sister
 Sister Elacey Bilote one fifth part then
 their ains & asins forever likewise I constitute
 make ~~appoint~~ my will beloved Brother Noah
 Bilote & Thomas Bilote my Executors to this my
 last will & testament witness to herof I have
 hereunto set my hand & signed my seal this the
 tenth day of November one thousand seven hundred &
 ninety seven

Test
 Ann Davis
 Louis Bilote

State of ~~North~~ Carolina, Nov. Term 1797
 (Bertie County)

The last will &
 Testament of Ann Bilote dec'd was
 proved in open Court by the oath of
 Louis Bilote one of the subscribing
 witnesses and ordered to be recorded

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I Patience Pender of
 the County of Bertie in the State of North Carolina
 being very sick and in perfect mind and
 memory thank be to God calling
 unto himself in singularity of and knowing
 it is appointed for all men once to die
 do make and ordain his my last will and
 testament that is to say principally and
 first of all I give and recommend my

and into the hands of Almighty God that
 give it and my body I recommend it to the earth
 to be buried in ~~decent~~ christian burial I
 lend to my will beloved son Elisha Pender one
 negro Girl Morning during his life and to his heirs
 and asins forever if die without an heir to return
 to my will beloved son John Pender also give to
 my beloved son Elisha Pender one bed and furniture
 and one cow and calf and one sow and pigs also
 lend to my beloved daughter Mary Pender one negro
 girl Leahy her life time and to her heirs and asins
 forever if dying with me I also give to return to my
 will beloved daughter Prudence Coory also give
 to my beloved daughter Mary Pender one bed and
 furniture and one cow and calf and one chest
 and one dress pot I also lend to my will beloved
 son Stephen Pender one negro boy Isaac during
 his life and give him to his heirs if dying
 without an lawful heir to return to my will beloved
 son Solomon Pender also give to my beloved
 son Solomon Pender one negro woman Mary his
 life time and his heirs my beloved son Solomon
 Pender is to keep this negro boy Samuel that
 I sell he is seven years old I also give my
 beloved son Solomon Pender one sow and
 furniture I also give to my beloved son Williams
 Pender one cow and calf one bed and furniture
 and one sow and five shots and twenty five
 barrels of corn and and dozen earthen plates
 and three dishes I also give my dear and
 well beloved daughter Prudence Coory one
 yoke of oxen I also give my beloved son
 John Pender one desk my will and desire
 is that the remainder of my property to be
 sold and little of my debts and the rest
 of the Money to be equally divided among
 my dies and will beloved children I also
 declare and acknowledge this to be my last

Will and Testament of which I do appoint my
beloved son John Painter and my beloved son
Solomon Painter and my beloved son Eliza-
beth Executors of this my last will and
Testament in writing whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this the 25th day of
November in the year of our Lord one
thousand seven hundred and ninety seven
Signed in the presence

of us ^{Patience} ^{for} ^{Painter} ^(Seal)
Hiles Blaisdell
Benjamin Loring
Mary ^{for} ^{Painter}

State of ~~Massachusetts~~ (about June) 1797
(in the county) The last will and
Testament of ^{Patience} Painter was proved in
open Court by the said Benjamin Loring and
Mary ^{for} ^{Painter} two of the subscribing witnesses
and ordered to be recorded
George Gray Clk

In the Name of God Amen Charles Hodgson of
Berlin County being in weak in body, but of
perfect mind and memory thanks giving to
god calling ^{unto} ~~into~~ mind the mortality of my
body and knowing it is appointed for all men
once to die do make and contain this my last
will and Testament but as to day principally and
first of all, I give and becommen my soul
into the hands of Almighty God that gave
it and my body I becommen to the
earth to be buried in decent Christian
burial at the discretion of my Executors
and as touching such worldly estate
possessions it hath pleased god to bless
me in this life, I give and demise &
dispose of the same in the following manner

and first I give and bequeth unto Mary
Hodgson my beloved wife one third of my
Household goods and furniture one third of my
Cattle one horse bridle and saddle and also
lend the other two thirds of my household goods
and furniture and cattle and also my land and
plantation to my beloved wife during her life
and after her decease I give and bequeth to my
daughter Elizabeth Sparkman if she should be
a widow before or at my wife's decease or within
one month after her decease twenty pounds to
be paid and paid out of my estate but if my
daughter Elizabeth Sparkman should marry as
married woman at my wife's decease or within
one month after I only give and bequeth to her
five shillings sterling or the value thereof to
her forever, I also give & bequeth to my daughter
Mary Hodgson and at my wife's decease my
land and plantation and save only such things
I give unto her all my household goods & furniture
one horse bridle saddle and all the cattle but one
I also give & bequeth to my daughter in law
Nanny Harris one furniture bedstead one
black walnut table one large painted chest one
trunk one pair of hand drows one large pot one
cow and calf my will and desire is if my daughter
Mary Hodgson ^{should} die before Nanny Harris are
without an lawful heir that her whole estate
should be given to Nanny Harris and if Nanny
Harris should die without an lawful heir before
her sister Polly Hodgson that what is here given
her shall return to my daughter Polly and if
both should die before their mother and without
lawful heirs legallor of their body after my
wife's decease I give and bequeth one half of
my estate to John Latham and the other half
to Charles Hodgson Sanderling
I Leguise constituted and ordain my beloved

Wife the sole executrix of this my last will and testament and do hereby utterly disavow revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments Wills Legacies bequest and Executors by me in any wise before named wills and bequested Ratifying and confirming the same and recite to be my last will and testament do witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of June One Thousand seven hundred & Ninety five.

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced ^{Read} and by the said Charles Rogers at his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence saw the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names—

Test Charles Rogers (Seal)
 Reuben Lawrence
 Richard Will

State of ~~North Carolina~~ ^{North Carolina} } Pub Term 1798
 of ~~North Carolina~~ ^{North Carolina} } Berks County } The last will and testament of Charles Rogers Dec was proved in open Court by the oath of Reuben Lawrence one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded George Gray III

In the name of god Amen the twelfth day of December One thousand seven hundred & Ninety seven I Joseph North of Berks County and State of North Carolina being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given to 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 god that gave it and 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 in this life I give and demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form Inprimis I give and bequeath to my loving son Richard North one hundred and two acres of land lying next to James Rogers line taking the manner plantation & likewise give to my son Richard two Negroes one by the name of David and the other by the name of Hannah also I give him one Mare by the name of Kate I likewise desire to have a good ~~black~~ ^{white} Horse kept on my sons plantation with two hundred dollars in sum that I leave for that purpose and if that should not be sufficient that the Remainder part of the said sum be raised out of my estate and my desire is that my daughter Ann North should live in the said House with her brother without Interruption till her marriage and after marriage no more part in the said House I likewise give my son Richard North two feather beds and what furniture belongs to the said bed also one oval table and two Stools of brass stem I give to my loving daughter Ann North one desk I also give my daughter two feather beds and what furniture belongs to her I also give her one Mare by the name of Jim and two Cows and pigs and three ewes Ann's and Woman Sattles and my bridle now I lend to my daughter Ann North one hundred acres of land joining my sons land during her life and after her death I give it to her heirs and I also lend to my daughter Ann two Negroes by the names of Jon and Grose to her her life and after her death to her lawful heirs I give her two Stools of Brass

also I have given to my son Richard North
four head of cattle besides one apple of oxen
and one bull I have to be made but for the
use of the family I also give my son two cows
and pigs I likewise give him fifteen barrels
of good corn & six hundred weight of pork for
her use. I have given my daughter Ann North
fifteen barrels of good corn & six hundred
weight of pork for her use.

~~I have also my will and desire to leave to~~
~~my daughter Ann my Negro Girl Mary during her~~
~~life and after her death to be equally~~
~~divided between my son Richard and~~
~~daughter Ann~~

Now after my debts being paid out
of my estate and all my just debts being
paid it is my desire that all my ^{my} son pork and
peas and flock of Doves horses &c be sold and
equally divided between my son Richard
and daughter Ann all but one horse
excepted which I give to Elizabeth Pascoe
and now having come to a conclusion I
appoint John Brady Seal and my son Richard
North my whole and sole Executors of this
my last will and Testament and do hereby
disannul all and every other will or Testaments
by me made 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 this day
and year above written Joseph North Seal
Signed sealed published
and declared by the said
Joseph North as his last
will and Testament in the
presence of us the subscribers
List

Jeremiah Leggett

The last of my Negro ~~will~~ to Mrs Pascoe is
Emanuel and Sarah and before the witness

State of North Carolina Feb. Term 1798
Berlin County } The last will and
Testament of Joseph North do was proved in
open Court by the oath of Jeremiah Leggett the
subscribing witness and ordered to be
recorded George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I, Anne, do hereby
to my daughter Elizabeth one trunk one hat
and books I have and bequeath to my daughter
Larissa one riding saddle and one dining table
I have and bequeath my son Thomas half
dozen silver spoons and ~~one~~ dogs I have
and bequeath to my son William one suit of
clothes to be paid for out of the crop corn
now in the barn I have and bequeath
to my Grand Daughter Frances Belote one
further Bed I do hereby constitute and appoint
John Kittell to be Executor to this my last
will and Testament renouncing all other wills,
In witness whereof I have caused my name and seal
to be hereunto affixed this 21st day of January 1798
Signed in presence of

James Stuart
Wm Brogdon

Catherine Belote Seal

State of North Carolina Feb. Term 1798
Berlin County } The last will &
Testament of Catherine Belote do was proved
in open Court by the oaths of James Stuart and
William Brogdon the two subscribing
witnesses and ordered to be recorded
George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen.

This eighth day of March One thousand seven hundred & ninety six I Jeremiah Bunch of the County of Bertie & State of North Carolina bearing in mind that it is appointed for all men once to die to make and ordain this my last will and Testament in the following manner I do hereby

Give and bequeath unto my son George Bunch one negro woman named Venus to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Henry Bunch one negro ~~man~~ named Tom boy (which he has already sold to him & his heirs forever) I give and bequeath to my son Jeremiah Bunch one negro woman named Venus to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Jeremiah Bunch one negro boy named Sizer to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Frederick Bunch three hundred silver dollars to be raised out of my estate as hereafter directed I say to him and his heirs forever.

I give and devise to my son William Bunch the land and plantation whereon I now live that is all the land that belongs to the plantation I likewise give and bequeath to my son William Bunch one negro girl named Barstale and my sturdy child I likewise give and devise unto him the land which he now lives on all which I give to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah Collins all that she hath all ready ~~received~~ and five shillings Sterling to her and her heirs forever.

The remainder of my estate I leave to be

Sold at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named which money and the money that I may have I leave to be equally divided after my son Frederick Bunch hath the three hundred dollars will be to him in his legacy (that is to say) to be divided amongst my five sons above mentioned.

Lastly I leave my friend Solomon Cherry sole Executor of this my last will and Testament and I do utterly disallow and revoke any other will or Testament at any time by me heretofore made In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and date above written.

John Williams Jeremiah Bunch (Seal)
Jonathan Standley (Witnesses)
Opitnace Whitaker

State of North Carolina } July Term 1796
Bertie County } the last will and Testament of Jeremiah Bunch was proved in open court by the oath of Jonathan Standley one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded George Gray Clerk

In the name of God Amen, I James Campbell being of the County of Bertie make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner following: I do hereby give and bequeath unto my two sons George James my plantation and lands thereunto belonging whereon I live to be divided in equal degree—the residue of my estate after my debts are paid both real and personal I give to be equally divided amongst all my children (viz) Sarah Elisabeth George Mary Martha & James—

Lastly I nominate and appoint my loving sons John Campbell & George Campbell also my worthy friend Willis Sawyer Executors to this my above said will. In testimony

whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal
this ninth day of December one thousand
Seven hundred & Ninety five

Witness Present

Joseph A. Brown Jas Campbell Seal
Jno Campbell
A. Barclay

The within will was made & signed by me in presence
of the within subscribing witness but having
considered that my Son John Campbell was
provided for ~~before~~ by his Grandfather I
hereby desire that his name being mentioned
with the rest of brothers & sisters may be added
which I have accordingly done with my own
hand and ^{now} add his consent to further my request
What is today I give & bequeath unto my
Son John ten shillings lawful Currency
of this State and I further desire that my
Kinsman John Brownrigg may be added
as an executor & guardian to my Son James
and his share of my property to be paid to
my said Kinsman for the use of my said
Son James until he comes to the age of
Twenty One years to deliver to my said
Son James & desire my Executors & have by
body decently buried along side of the
body of my dear wife Mary in the family
burying ground at Lacy Hill in ^{at} plain
pine or cypress coffin no mourning used
by children or relations no spirituous
liquors ^{from} nor pompous funeral oration
no display of character at my interment
as I commit my soul unto God who gave
it & thro the merits of dear Saviour &
Redeemer Jesus Christ hope for a
resurrection in glory signed & sealed
with my own hand & Seal this first day

of August 1796

Jas Campbell Seal

State of Carolina 18th Term 1798
Berlin County } Jury impanelled and
second day that the paper introduced is the last
will & Testament of James Campbell dec. and
ordered to be recorded

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen. I James Moore of
Berlin County and State of N. Carolina being
at this time sick in body but in perfect
senses mind and memory calling to mind
the worldly Estate which it hath pleased God
to bless me with I Give and bequeath as
follows **WIT**

Firstly, I desire that all my property should
be sold and my just debts paid the balance
I Give and wish to be equally divided between
my seven sisters to have and their heirs forever
Secondly and lastly, I constitute and appoint
my friend Langley Granbery my whole
and sole Executor Given under my hand
and Seal this 7th January 1798

James Moore Seal

Assigned and
Acknowledged & presented of
us
Wm Granbery
Allen Brice

State of N. Carolina 18th Term 1798
Berlin County } The last will and
Testament of James Moore dec. was proved in
open Court by the oath of William Granbery
one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.
George Gray III

In the name of God amen I Shadrach Early
of the State of North Carolina in the County
of Bert's being Sick and weak in body but
of sound mind and memory do hereby testify
that therefore calling to mind the mortality of
my body and knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die do make and publish
this my last will and Testament, that is to say
principally and first of all I Give and
recommend my soul to God that gave it and
my body I recommend to the earth to be
buried 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 to such things
that I owe in this life I Give and dispose
of the same in the following manner and so as
that to the property that God shall please to
give me I Give as follows
First I Give to my loving wife Sally the
plantation whereon I now live also the Morrie
field occupying on an hundred and
a half acres trees a corner stone a mill
course to open the corner tree standing in
the same two chains at the fork of said
branch also one Negro Girl named Rose and
Negro Girl named Mild one sweet maid
named Carry also four cows and calves twenty
six hogs five head of sheep three peacocks
pigs and furniture also all my own and
soldier working tools together with all
my household Goods and furniture during
her natural life or while she is an infant
her decease or marriage at which the above
mentioned property in the following manner
I Give of my said wife to Mary before
she deceases or dies and to her one quarter and
one furniture and the above named

Mild and two above Negro Girl named Mild one
cow and calf to her two heirs and assigns forever
I Give and bequeath the plantation where
I now live and all the land to it belonging to my
two sons James Early and Thomas Early to
be equally divided between them after the death
or marriage of my wife to them their heirs and
^{assigns} forever —

I Give I Give my Negro Girl Rose and all her
increase to my two daughters Levina and
Mary to be equally divided between them to
them their heirs and assigns forever —

I Give I Give the remainder part of my Estate
may be sold to pay my debts and ^{after} that is
then remaining after my debts are paid I
desire may be equally divided amongst my
four children Levina Early Mary Early
James Early and Thomas Early to them their heirs
and assigns forever I Give I Give I Give I Give
I Give my loving wife Sally and my brother
John Early to be my Executors of this my last
will and Testament making void all other
former wills by me made in witness whereof
I the said Shadrach Early have hereunto set
my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of
January one thousand seven hundred and
ninety eight.

In witness I seal and declare
the presence of Shadrach Early
William Morrisson
Jas John Williford

State of North Carolina } May Term 1798
Bert's County } the last will and Testament
of Shadrach Early did was proved in open
Court by the oath of John Williford one of the
subscribing witnesses and ordered to be
recorded George Gray M

In the name of God Amen.

I John Thomson of the State of North Carolina
and County of Bertie now living but it is appointed
for all men once to die do make this my last
will testament in the following manner to wit
I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter
Elizabeth Thomson the land of my ~~now~~
plantation & house as long as she shall live
single likewise all the property that I shall
the possessor of after my just debts is paid
and after her marriage or death I give and
devise all my land & plantation to my Grand
daughter Polly Thomson daughter of Dr. Elizabeth
Thomson & her heirs and assigns forever
likewise I give & bequeath to my said Grand
daughter Polly Thomson all the remainder
of my property of every kind & nature what-
soever all which I do give and bequeath
to her her heirs forever.

I only do constitute and appoint my
sole and true executor John Thomson late
Executor of my last will and Testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto my hand
and seal this 20th of Jan^y 1798

Signed sealed and acknowledged by the
said Thomson in presence of us the
following witnesses—

John Thomson
E. Hill Thomas

State of North Carolina } May Term 1798
Bertie County } the last will and
Testament of John Thomson dec^d was proved
in open Court by the oath of John
Thomson one of the subscribing witnesses
and ordered to be recorded

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Lockman of Bertie County
State of North Carolina being weak of body but of
perfect mind & sound understanding calling unto mind
the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die do make & declare this to be my last
will and testament in manner & form as follows to wit
First & principally of all I Give & bequeath my soul to
God my maker praying & beseeching his acceptance of
the same through the all sufficient merit of Jesus
Christ my Redeemer and my body to the earth to be buried
in a Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors
by me in this will afterwards to be named not doubting
but I shall receive the same again by the almighty
power of God at the general resurrection of the dead
in the last day & as touching such worldly goods as I
shall possess God to give me with I Give & bequeath
I have hereunto the following manner to wit (1st) my
will & desire is that all my land & improvements
be paid by my Executors out of my personal estate
after my death I Give & bequeath to my beloved
wife Elizabeth Lockman my major plantation
and the lands thereunto belonging for maintaining
the term or time of her natural life and after
her death the said plantation & lands to be
equally divided between my two sons Edward
Lockman & Thomas Lockman & their heirs forever
or ever but if one of my sons dies before he comes
to be of the age of twenty one year then the
whole of my said plantation & lands to be & belong
to his surviving Brother to him his heirs &
assigns forever.

Likewise I Give & bequeath to my beloved
Elizabeth Lockman one negro boy named
Simon one negro woman named Sarah
one feather bed & furniture one round maple
table one loom & gear & four chairs one
chess one sitting mare two cows & calves two
hens & chickens one sow & eleven shoats & pigs,

to her her heirs & assigns forever & likewise
 Give & bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth
 Cookman one Iron pot & books one pewter dish
 one pewter basin six pewter plates one set flat
 some six pewter spoons three table knives &
 forks one plow hoe frame & some working hoe one
 of one turning wheel to her her heirs & assigns

~~And I have given & bequeathed to my loving daughter
 Mary Cookman one feather bed & furniture to
 her her heirs & assigns forever~~
 I have also given & bequeathed to my loving daughter
 Sarah Cookman one feather bed & furniture to
 her her heirs & assigns forever

I likewise give & bequeath to my loving daughter
 Mary Cookman one feather bed & furniture to
 her her heirs & assigns forever

I likewise give & bequeath to my loving daughter
 Sarah Cookman one feather bed & furniture to
 her her heirs & assigns forever

I likewise give & bequeath to my loving daughter
 Sarah Cookman one feather bed & furniture to
 her her heirs & assigns forever

My will & desire is that all my estate of
 every kind consisting of land my negroes stock
 of cattle sheep and hogs I have school & kitchen
 furniture my ferry boat & sails and all &
 singular my estate of every kind wherever so
 ever it may be or come or be coming divided
 between my loving children Jane
 Cookman, Mary Cookman, Edward Cookman
 Mary Cookman, Thomas Cookman and Sarah
 Cookman I do give & bequeath the same to
 them their heirs & assigns forever and I make
 & contain my trusty friends Wm. Hume
 Thomas & Charles Witherington Executors of
 this my last will & testament & I do hereby
 revoke disannul & disallow every other will
 legacy & bequest by me before made either
 or bequeathed ratifying and confirming this
 to be my last will & testament

in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 & seal this 12th day of May 1798

Signed sealed published

pronounced & declared by

the said Thos Cookman

to be his last will &

Testament in presence of

Wm. Hume & Robertson

Walter M. Hume

Thomas Cookman (Seal)

State of North Carolina August Term 1798

Bertie County The last will and
 Testament of Thomas Cookman dec'd was proved
 in open court by the oath of Robertson Hopes
 and Walter M. Hume two of the Justices
 of the Peace and a note to be recorded

George Gray Clk

In the name of God amen. I James Will of the State of
 North Carolina County of Bertie being of sound
 and perfect mind and memory (Blessed be God)
 do now stand my last will in the year of our Lord
 one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight
 publish my last will and testament in manner
 following viz First

I send unto my beloved wife Mary Will dwelling for
 widowhood a dwelling house with ten thousand
 corn filled cleared ground with woodland ground
 sufficient to support her with timber and firewood
 beginning on the Swamp even with my dwelling house
 since down the Swamp as far as is sufficient to
 make the ten thousand corn filled of cleared ground
 no nearly square as possible not extend further
 from the Swamp than even with my dwelling
 house also I leave to my beloved wife Mary Will
 during her widowhood one feather bed

and furniture also one tin and wheel
and one wooden wheel one pair of cotton cars,
also one pine chest one iron pot and pot
hooks one painter dish one painter palette basin
and two painter plates one painter table spoon
and one half dozen table knives & forks
I also lend her my dear beloved wife Mary
Wicks one cow and calf one sow and pigs
during her widowhood also I give her my
beloved wife half of all my flap and cotton
which is only made by me and as much
corn and pork as may be a just and sufficient
for her one years provisions also I lend to
my beloved wife Mary Wicks one horse
such as she may find convenient to clothe
work or carrying her widowhood.
I also give to my son James Wicks the
plantation whereon he now lives with all
woodland ground from a line of marked
trees which now begins on Larry Swamp and
running a north course to him standing in
my line joining Benjamin Coxes land
I give the above said land to my son James
Wicks his heirs and assigns forever.
Also I give to my son Micajah Wicks the
land and plantation whereon I now live
from a line of marked trees which divide
my land from my son James Wicks land
beginning on Larry Swamp and running
a north course to him standing in my
line joining Benjamin Coxes land
I give the above said land and plantation to
my son Micajah Wicks his heirs and
assigns forever also I give to my son
James Wicks one negro boy called Sharper
and one negro boy called Moses to him
his heirs and assigns forever.
also I give to my Grand son Jesse Wicks

one negro girl named Kate to be delivered to him
when comes to the age of twenty one years by him
freely to be possessed and enjoy: also I give to
my son Micajah Wicks one negro boy called Sam
by him freely to be possess and enjoy also I lend
to my son Micajah Wicks the above said negro
girl called Kate until my dear Grand son come
of age to receive her: also I give all my whole
estate which is not given away to be equally
divided between my two sons James and
Micajah Wicks also all which I have lent to
my wife at her day of marriage or death to be
equally divided between my afore said sons James
and Micajah Wicks and I hereby make and ordain
my two sons James Wicks and Micajah Wicks
executors of this my last will and testament. In
witness whereof I the said James Wicks have
here set my hand and seal this day and year
above written

Signed sealed Published and James Wicks ^{Tested}
witnessed by the said James
Wicks the testator as his last
will and testament in presence
of us who were present at the
making and signing thereof
Joseph Horn Josiah Puller Noah Harrell

State of N. Carolina } Nov. Term 1798
Berlin County } the last will and
testament of James Wicks decd was proved in
open court by the oath of Joseph Horn and
Noah Harrell two of the subscribing witnesses
and ordered to be recorded

George Gray Clk

In the name of God amen. I Thomas Baker of the State of North Carolina in the County of Bertie being ^{then} ~~and~~ weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God herefore 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 to 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 that worldly estate wherewith he hath pleased God to bless me in this life I Give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form—

First I Give unto my daughter Mary O'Leary one Negro Girl named Rachel to her her heirs and assigns forever—

Secondly I Give unto my daughter Sarah Land fifty pounds to be raised and levied out of my estate to her her heirs and assigns forever—

Thirdly I Give unto my son Henry Baker one parcel of land and that to him his heirs and assigns forever—

Fourthly I Give unto my Grand son Leroy Baker Son of John Baker deceased fifty pounds to be raised and levied out of my estate to him his heirs and assigns forever—

Fifthly I Give unto my Grand son George Baker Son of John Baker deceased fifty pounds to be raised and levied out of my estate to him his heirs and assigns forever—

Sixthly I Give unto my Grand children the Sons and daughters of James Baker deceased to wit William Baker

Jonathan Baker Sarah Baker and John Baker twenty pounds to be raised and levied out of my Estate and equally divided amongst the said four children above mentioned to them their heirs and assigns forever—

Seventhly I Give unto my Grand son John Freeman Baker Son of Blake Baker one Negro named Anture to him his heirs and assigns forever—

Eighthly I Give unto my Grand daughter Blake Baker daughter of Blake Baker one Negro boy named Allen to her her heirs and assigns forever— Eighthly I Give unto Blake Baker one Negro man named Sampson to him his heirs and assigns forever—

Ninthly my Will and desire is that the remainder part of my estate not heretofore mentioned as to be sold at publick Auction to the highest bidder for twelve months Credit the purchasers giving bond and approval of security and all the money arising from or by said property over paying my debts and settling those gifts above mentioned in money I Give unto my son Blake Baker to him his heirs and assigns forever—

Tenbly and lastly I appoint and ordain William Cherry ~~to be my~~ William Massey my son Blake Baker Executors of this my last Will and Testament utterly revoking annulling and making void all other former will or wills by me made In witness whereof I the said Thomas Baker have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of December one thousand seven hundred and ninety five signed sealed published pronounced and delivered in the presence of James Barnardill Elizabeth ^{Lucas} ~~Lucas~~ ^{mark}

Thomas Baker ^{mark}