all men once to die do make & ordain this to be my last
Will & Testament in manner form & following to wit.
I give & bequeath my soul to God & my body to the earth to be
buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my executors
in this will afterwards to be named not doubting but I shall
receive the same again at the last day by the Almighty power
of God & as for my worldly estate I give & dispose of the
same in the following manner Viz
I give & bequeath to my well beloved wife Ann Sorrel all my
lands plantations and all my stock of horses beast sheep
and hogs with all & singular my estate of every kind & where
soever may be found for & during the term or time of her natural life
but after her death my will & desire is that the same
be divided & disposed of in the following manner (to wit)
I give & bequeath to my son Thomas Sorrel my plantation on the
Cane Branches belonging whereon my mother formerly lived
& him his heirs & assigns forever
I give & bequeath to my loving son John Sorrel my lands and
plantation that I purchased of James Arthur with the lands
that I purchased of the Executors of James Leslie deceased to
him his heirs & assigns forever
I give & bequeath to my loving daughter Fancy Sorrel my lot
in Lebanon to her her heirs & assigns forever My will & desire
is that my mansion plantation whereon I now live between
that I have that I purchased of Dempsey Stone with the lands & appur-
tenances to my mansion plantation belonging be after my wife
Ann Sorrel decease equally divided between my two loving daugh-
ters Fancy Sorrel & Milly Sorrel but my ~~my~~ daughter Milly
Sorrel to have that half of said land whereon my dwelling
house now stands & I give & bequeath the same to them & each of
them their heirs & assigns forever
I give & bequeath to my loving son Thomas Sorrel one feather bed
furniture to be well the same before given to him in this will
determined to him when he comes to be of the age of twenty one years or brought on
full age of twenty one years to him the said Thomas Sorrel his heirs
& assigns forever anything in this will before to the contrary not well
standing
I give & bequeath to my well beloved wife Ann Sorrel all &

singular my personal estate of every kind & wherever it may be found
that is not before mentioned in this will consisting of one negro man
named Jimmy one negro girl named Fanny & one negro woman named Dicy
by my stock of horses beast sheep & hogs household & kitchen furni-
ture with all & singular my estate of every kind that is not before
mentioned in this will to her the said Ann Sorrel her heirs & assigns
forever any thing in this will before mentioned to the contrary not
withstanding & I hereby & do ordain my trusty friends Dempsey Stone &
Walter McDowell Executors of this my last will & Testament & I utterly
revoke disannul & disallow every other will legacy bequest & ex-
ecutor before named will or bequeath & ratifying & confirming this & no other
to be my last will & Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & seal this 23rd day of July 1800

James X Sorrel (Seal)
his mark

Signed sealed published pronounced
& declared by the said James Sorrel
to be his last will & testament in
presence of
Jas Cochran
Eleazer + Hoss
his mark
Stephen + Petty
his mark
James + Morgan
his mark

State of No. Carolina
Rutherford County } August Term 1800

The last will and testament of James
Sorrel dec'd was produced in open court by the oath of James Cochran
one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

Geo. Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Dunning being of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for it knowing that I must one of these days for all perish I am so mind and consider the my last will and testament in manner and form as follows

1st I lend unto my wife Sarah Dunning the land and plantation that I bought of John Griffin and I give unto my negro man named Dan and one horse and one half of all my hogs and cattle for her support for her natural life and then to be given unto John Dunning if he shall live to be twenty years of age but if he shall not live to be twenty years of age then it to be given unto my son Samuel Dunning

2d I give and bequeath unto my son John Dunning my old home plantation and the balance of land not mentioned in my last will and testament and I give unto him all the stock of horses and cattle and farming implements I have and I give unto him the land I bought of John Jenkins and I give unto him my negro man named Lewis to be his property for a term of his natural life and then to be given to my son Samuel Dunning and I give unto my son John Dunning my bed and furniture and one negro woman named Dan and one negro boy named Dan and one negro woman named Venus and one feather bed and furniture and also the balance of my stock of hogs, sheep and all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind and all my farming utensils and one set of blacksmiths tools and one set of coopers tools to him his heirs and assigns forever

4th I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Samuel one third part of my estate namely —

I give unto my son John the second part of my estate namely —

5th I give unto my son Samuel the third part of my estate namely —

1st One mule, I give unto my son John the second part of my estate namely —

2d One sow, I give unto my son Samuel the third part of my estate namely —

3d One mulberry I give unto my son Samuel the third part of my estate namely —

6th I give and bequeath unto my wife the use of my daughter Cherine Sanford one negro woman named Dan to her and her heirs and assigns forever

7th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Cherine Sanford one negro woman named Eve her and her heirs to be divided amongst them from all the time the youngest shall come to twenty one years of age to them and their heirs forever and I give the hand of God

Lastly and the executor of this as the time —

8th I give and bequeath unto my friend son Dan a Stallion on Summand Island of land near or life lying on the East side of Connecting forever that I bought of John Jones to him his heirs and assigns forever

9th I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Elizabeth Jones one negro woman named Betty and one negro girl named Lucy to her, her heirs and assigns forever —

The remainder of my estate including what I have loaned to my wife Sarah Dunning endowing her natural life after my first debts are paid I give and bequeath unto my son John Dunning and his heirs and assigns forever —

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my son John Dunning and Nathan Sanford my sole Executors of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby disallow revoke and disannul every other and former will and Testament by me before made ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament the 3rd day of March one thousand eight hundred and two —

Sam'l his X mark Dunning (Seal)

Signed sealed published and pronounced and declared by the said Samuel Dunning to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us

Sol. Chaney jun.
Thos. Howard
Elizabeth her X mark Chaney

State of N. Carolina } Dec. Term 1802
Bertie County }

The last will and testament of Samuel Dunning dec'd was proved in open court by the oath of Solomon Chaney jun. one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded

Geo. Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I Martha Bryan being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory make this my last will & Testament in manner following, Viz.

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my son James Pugh one negro woman named Ple and one negro man called Sam also half a share Chinn Coffee Cups & saucers, Chinn one Chinn bowl & family Bible —

Item I give unto my son Ward Pugh one negro named called Philip, one feather bed and furniture one big Table & one pair of Silver Shoe buckles —

Item I give unto my son Henry now living to William Jones one negro boy called Philip, one one bed & furniture & bow —

Item I give and bequeath unto my son John Pugh one negro boy called Jerry, one one gallon Decanter and one wooden [illegible] [illegible] Goldring —

Item I give unto my son Wingfield Pugh one negro boy called Jerome, also one horse called and one small Goldring —

Item I give unto my son Pendleton Pugh one negro boy called Lewis —

Item I give unto my son Manuel Rice one negro boy called Peter —

Item I give unto my son Manuel Rice my Silver Pocket watch now belonging to Capt William Jones —

Item I give unto my son Martin Baker one negro named called Silas, likewise one long chinn bowl and four Stock buckles —

Item I give unto my son Elizabeth Baker one negro girl called Betty, also one Silver Goldring —

Item

Item I give unto my son Daniel Baker one negro girl child called Princess & one long Silver Tube Spoon —

Item I give unto my son Henry Baker the negro child when it is born, that my negro named Princess is now living with, also one long Silver Tube Spoon —

Item I give unto my son Daniel Brown one negro boy called Sam —

Item I give unto my son Elizabeth Chinn three pounds to be paid of my estate —

Item I give unto my nephew Thomas Ryan three pounds to be paid of my estate —

Item I give unto my nephew Edmund Baker five pounds to be paid of my estate —

Item I give a bond to my Executors for the use of my sister Sarah Baker during her natural life, one negro fellow called Lewis also one negro wench called Potsum —

Item I give the four given my sister Sarah Baker for life, after her decease to be divided in equal degree amongst all her children —

Item I give after my debts are paid unto my three sons, viz. William & Samuel, executors of my under Wingfield on half of the residue of my estate, the other half I have to be equally divided amongst the children of my two sisters Ann Sarah & Jane —

Lastly I nominate and appoint my worthy friend Thomas Pugh Senior Executor to this my last will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twentieth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred —

Witness { Item I give unto my sister Sarah Baker & James Pugh my mourning apparel } Martha Bryan (Seal)

Alexander Harvey
Wyatt Harvey

State of Alabama } Nov. Term 1800
Bibb County }

The last will and Testament of Martha Bryan deceased was found in open Court by the oath of Chas. Harvey one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded

George Gryngille

In the name of God Amen the 30th day of August one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight I Mary Jordan being of perfect mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do make and ordain this for my last will and Testament in the following manner and form —

I give and bequeath to my beloved son James Jordan and his

he arrives at the age of twenty one or marry then the next male child of my daughter Patsey shall have his share of money of land to the next female child my daughter Patsey has.

I hereby empower my son in law Richard Sanderson to sell those lands mentioned in this title, provided he will purchase other lands & appropriate them to the uses & purposes of them —

I lend to my daughter Polly Jordan during her life & to my son in law William Jordan during his life all the lands I have on the north side of Bear swamp (except that lot of Nicholas Pitts & John Pitts) the mill seat of Bear swamp mill three acres of land on the south side of Bear swamp & all the utensils & implements belonging to the saw & grist mills (except as respects my beloved wife & family in the lands & mills) & at their decease I lend to my Grandson Whitmell Jordan the said lands until he arrives at the age of twenty one or marry then I give him the said lands & mills to him his heirs & assigns forever, but should he die before he arrives at the age of twenty one or marry then the next male child of my daughter Polly shall have his share of money of land to my Grand daughter Harriet Jordan —

I lend to my daughter Nancy Pugh all the lands I bought of Joseph Stephens Jonathan Stephens & David Gaskins & the part bought of Mr Bowen as far as depends (except as respects my beloved wife & family in the lands) until she arrives at the age of twenty or marry at either of those periods I give the said lands after the decease of her mother to her her heirs & assigns forever. I also give my said daughter Nancy one negro girl named Peter & also an equal share with her sisters & one share set at Hinton's sale & also I desire & request my executors to pay to my said daughter Nancy annually a sum of money to be raised out of the common funds of my estate which they think sufficient to support her in clothing until she arrives at the age of twenty one or marry & she dies prior to either of those periods her three sisters shall be her heirs —

I lend to my daughter Winifred Pugh the other half of the land I bought of Burt & the other half of the part of the land I bought of Mr Bowen on the north side of Cypress & the land I bought of Mr Hogan until she arrives at the age of twenty one or marry at either of those periods I give the said lands

to her her heirs & assigns forever. I also give my said daughter Winifred one negro girl name Rachel one & also an equal share with her sisters & one share set at Hinton's sale & also request & desire my executors to pay to my said daughter annually a sum of money to be raised out of the common funds of my estate which they think sufficient to support her in clothing until she arrives at the age of twenty one or marry & she dies prior to either of those periods her three sisters shall be her heirs —

I will my executors to let the negro woman & children I have lent to my son in law W. Sanderson & the negro woman & children lent my son in law W. Jordan continue to belong to them as part of their shares & that old Peter & his wife be continued together in the division & when my mother Mary Thompson dies I will my part of the negroes she now has to be equally divided between my four daughters & desire my executors to give me instructions in a decent Christian manner.

I nominate & appoint my son in law Richard Sanderson & my son in law William Jordan & Jonathan Jacocks executors of this my last will & testament revoking all others —

Thos. Whitmell Pugh (SS)

Signed published & declared
to be his last will & testament before us }
Martha Bryan
Elizabeth Jacocks

State of No. Carolina } Nov. Term 1800
Bertie County }

The last will and testament of Thomas W. Pugh deceased was proved in open court by the oath of Elizabeth Jacocks one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

Geo. Gray Clk

Bertie County } In the name of God Amen, I Charles
State } Sowell of the County and State afore-
of North Carolina } said do make constitute and ordain
this my last will and testament in manner and form
following — First my will and desire that all my
just debts shall be paid, and then my will and de-
sire is that the rest of my property shall be disposed
of in the following manner, viz: Whereas I have
already given unto my two sons John Sowell and
Charles Sowell, unto my two daughters Sally Rid-
dick and Polly Moore, all I intend they shall have
of my property, and what I may die possessed of I lend
unto my well beloved wife during her natural
life and at her decease to be equally divided between
my three daughters Polly Sowell Priscilla Sowell and
Betty Sowell and if either of them should die before
she should marry or arrive at the age of maturity
then the property to go to the rest of the aforesd daugh-
ters that is not married — It is also my will
and desire that my aforesd three daughters shall have
a bond maintenance as usual with my well beloved
wife Priscilla Sowell —

Lastly I appoint and ordain my well beloved
wife Priscilla Sowell Executor and Jeremiah Brown
Executor to this my last will & Testament Signed
with my hand & Seal this 27th day of May in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred &
two

Witnesses: Charles Sowell (Seal)
Elizabeth Northington
Lewis Brown
Jeremiah Brown

State of Tennessee } Nov Term 1802 —
Bertie County }

The last will and Testament
of Charles Sowell dec'd was proved in open Court

by the oath of Jeremiah Brown one of the subscribing
witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Gray Clk

State of North Carolina } In the name of God Amen
Bertie County } I Joseph Parker being weak
in body, but of perfect mind and memory do make ordain this my last will and testament —

Imprimis I lend unto Elizabeth Parker, the widow
of my son Richard Parker dec'd one negro woman named
Pompey and one negro boy named Sam and to her young
est child that is already born shall arrive to the age of
twelve years, and then after that time I give the same
two negroes unto the right children of sons and daughters
of my said son Richard Parker dec'd to them their heirs
& assigns forever, my will is that the two said negroes
be hired out in a legal way until the division shall take
place —

Item I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Parker
one negro boy named Jacob, one negro girl named
Peg & have received sixteen silver dessert two pewter
basons, two pewter dishes, six pewter plates, six pewter
plates and one iron pot to him his heirs & assigns
forever —

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth
King one negro woman named Peggy and her three
sons Sam Cato & Henry & all her future increase
& her heirs heirs & assigns forever —

Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Par-
ker one negro boy named Peter, one negro boy named
Lewis and feather bed & furniture, sixteen silver dess-
ert, two pewter basons, two pewter dishes, six pewter
plates, six pewter spoons and one iron pot, to him his

heirs & assigns forever —

Item I give and bequeath to my son Charles Parker one negro boy named Bob, one negro boy named Harry, one feather bed & furniture, one horse, saddle & bridle, two cows & calves, two sows & piggs, two pewter basons, two pewter dishes, six pewter plates, six pewter spoons, and one iron pot to him, his heirs & assigns forever —

Item I give and bequeath to my son James Parker the land and fractions where I now live, and all the land I now own, one negro boy George, one feather bed and furniture, one horse, saddle & bridle, two cows & calves, two sows & piggs, two pewter basons, two pewter dishes, six pewter plates, six pewter spoons, and one iron pot to him, his heirs and assigns forever —

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Sarah Parker one negro girl named Bet, and her increase, one feather bed & furniture, two cows & calves, two ewes & lambs, two pewter basons, two pewter dishes, six pewter plates, six pewter spoons, and one iron pot, to her, her heirs & assigns forever —

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Parker one negro girl named Nancy, and her increase, one feather bed & furniture, two cows & calves, two ewes & lambs, two pewter basons, two pewter dishes, six pewter plates, six pewter spoons, and one iron pot, to her, her heirs & assigns forever —

Item I give and bequeath to my wife Amelia Parker one horse and saddle & bridle. I also lend to my wife during her life my plantation where I now live, and all my lands except a small neck of land joining my house, bounded by Buck Swamp & Black Swamp, and bounded by branches, and the possession which I lent my son James to take possession of at the age of twenty one years, and the liberty of cutting timber to fence and to haul it off to raise stock on all my lands, also my cart, still, hand &c, one negro fellow named Abraham, one negro woman named Lucy, one negro woman named Cherry, one negro boy named

Jack, two feather beds & furniture, also the use of my plantation tools, household furniture, stock &c except what are already given in legacies. I also lend to my wife Amelia two negro men, one named Cuff and one named Long Jack. One negro boy named Miles to remain with her until my youngest daughter Ann comes to the age of twelve years, at which time it my desire they shall be equally divided among all my children except James, who I wish to have no part except a part of my working tools at his mother's decease. I also lend to my wife Amelia one third part of the money I may have on hand at the time of my decease, and a riding chair —

It is my desire that my sons shall receive their legacies at the age of twenty one years, and my daughters at the age of eighteen years or at marriage. It is also my desire that my children shall be maintained and raised out of the profits of my estate without any charge to them, and to have some education, at least to be taught to read and write, that my mother tongue. It is also my desire that all the things that I have lent to my wife Amelia, and all other things not given in this will, shall be equally divided among my other children except James, James is to have no part thereof as he has had the largest portion already given him (the children of my dec'd son Richard to have their part one) lastly I constitute & appoint my son Thomas Parker and my son in law John Holden King executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight — NB the words interlined before executed.

Signed sealed and delivered and declared by the said Joseph Parker to be his last will & testament in presence of

John Clark
Jacob Yarrell
Henry Ward
[illegible]

Joseph Parker (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Feby Term 1803
Bertie County }

The last will & testament of Joseph Parker decd was proved in open Court by the oath of Allen Williams one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Bragg Clk

In the name of God Amen Decemb the 18th 1802
I William Cherry of the State of North Carolina and County of Bertie do make this my last will and testament as follows to wit

1st I lend unto my wife Susanna Cherry one third part of my plantation and one third part of my dwelling house and out houses one negro man named Isaac, one negro woman named Nance one fine named Jack with Bridle and Saddle two Cows and Calves one Sow and pigs one table one clock and two basons six pewter four chairs one pot one pan one skillet one spider two wedding do one plane hoe with frame and gear one chest called my Chest one feather bed and furniture all of which I lend unto her during her natural life and likewise I Give unto her one Cow and Calf the above last property is not to be carried of the County nor the land and houses to be leased nor rented to no other person except to whom I shall hereafter devise it to. And I give unto her corn and pork sufficient for the family use one year —

2d I devise my manner plantation land as follows beginning at Cornwitts Swamp running a direct course as the fence runs called the flax patch fence that same course north of the field to the back fence

then as straight course to a pine at the head of a small branch a corner tree generally called the double branch near the house of Levi Baker decd thence a southerly course to Nehemiah Bunches corner a chesnut oak standing in Buck branch thence down the said branch to the main run of said Swamp to a gum a corner then up the said swamp to the first station all the land there described in that boundary being the southern part of my land and all of which I give unto my son William Cherry to him his heirs and assigns forever —

3rd I Give unto my son Solomon Cherry the remaining part of my manner plantation and land to the same belonging being the North part of the plantation the said piece of land containing the other part of the dwelling houses and out houses to him his heirs and assigns forever —

4th I Give unto my son Willie Cherry one negro man named Mingo to him his heirs and assigns forever —

5th I Give unto my daughter Sally Dunnin one negro boy named Jack to her her heirs and assigns forever —

6th I Give unto my daughter Phebe Cherry one negro girl named Hager to her her heirs and assigns forever —

7th I Give unto my daughter Polly Cherry one negro girl named Fanby to her her heirs and assigns forever —

8th I Give unto my daughter Betsey Cherry the first child the said negro woman Nance shall have to be two years old likewise my ringing mare and one Cow and Calf — If the said Nance does not bring a child to be two years old the Executors buy one of that age —

I Give the said negro woman Nance she and her increase and lease to be equally divided between my four daughters Martha Baker Phebe Cherry, Polly Cherry and Betsey Cherry after the death of my wife Susanna Cherry —

I Give and bequeath unto my Sons and daughters above mentioned Willie, Solomon, Phile, Polly and Betsy Cherry each of them one feather bed and furniture to them their heirs and assigns forever—

I Give unto my the sons Willie, William and Solomon Cherry one hundred acres of land lying in the Beaverdam precinct and after my just debts are paid the remainder of my estate to be equally divided between my sons and daughters above mentioned. I do hereby appoint my brother Solomon Cherry and my Son William Cherry my sole Executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former testament legacies and bequeaths and Executors by me in any ways before named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Wm. Cherry (Seal)

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said William Cherry as his last will and Testament in presence of

Wm Standley
Jonathan Standley
Joseph Cason

State of N. Carolina } Inferior Term 1803
Bertie County }

The last will & testament of William Cherry dec'd was proved in Open Court by the oath of Jonathan Standley one of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded—

George Gray Clk

In the name of God, Amen I Jesse Cotten of Bertie County being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this the 25th day of November in the year of our Lord 1802 make and publish this my last will and testament that is to say I give my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner and my soul to God who gave it and shall dispose of my worldly goods in the following manner &c—

Item I lend unto my well beloved wife the land and plantation whereon I now live during her natural life and the plantation utensils such as is now on the plantation also I give unto my wife six cows & calves four sows that belongs to the plantation also I give unto my wife my gray horse and bay horse also I give unto my wife all my household and kitchen furniture also three feather beds and furniture also lend unto my well beloved wife during her natural life the following negroes Jacob Bruce and Patt and their increase—

Item I give unto my son Lewis Cotten one negro named Daniel one feather bed & furniture two cows and pigs to him and his heirs forever—

Item I give unto my son Lewellen Cotten one negro boy named Pler one bed furniture to him and his heirs forever—

Item I lend unto my daughter Elizabeth Cotten one negro Girl named Nance but in case she should have an heir lawfully begotten of her body then it is my will to give the said negro Nance to her and her heirs forever—

I Give unto my daughter Elizabeth one feather bed & furniture—

Item I Give unto my daughter Sarah in case she has an heir lawfully begotten of her body one negro named Danas to her and her heirs forever—

Item I Give unto my daughter Polly in case she has an heir lawfully begotten of her body

one negro named Rick to her and her heirs forever —
Item I give unto my daughter Polly in case she have an heir lawfully begotten of her body one negro named Joan to her and her heirs forever —
Item I give unto my son Jesse Cotten one negro named Mark to him and his heirs forever —
Item I give unto my son Bodeman Cotten one negro named Tom to him and his heirs forever —
Item I give unto my son Lewis Cotten one negro named Common to him and his heirs forever —
Item It is my will and desire that all my negroes that I have given away and lent shall be kept together on my lands and put under the care and direction of my son Lewis Cotten for which service I do hereby give unto him the one fourth of everything he can raise & make untill he marries to the negroes which I have not given away to be included among them and in case any accident shall befall my son Lewis it is my desire that my son Allen shall take place of my executors thinks he is competent to manage the estate and turn it to the same advantage that my son Lewis has done and that my son Lewis shall have the care of the estate untill my son Allen came of the age of twenty one years and as my children shall come of the age of twenty one years or married it is my desire that they shall have their legacies already given away —
Item I give unto my beloved wife my wearing Chair & gear &c
It is my will and desire that if any of the children's legacies in negroes shall dye before the residue of my estate is equally divided among them that it shall be made good out of the property that is still remaining not given away —
Item It is my will and desire that my wife & children shall have the use of my land & plantation lying on Roanoke river for six years or untill the year eighteen hundred and eight and if my

wife should dye before that time it is my desire that an equal division of all my estate that is not given away shall take place and be equally divided among my children then living at my wife's death, or the time above stated after paying my just debts that is lands negroes &c
And I hereby make and ordain my beloved wife and my son Lewis Cotten and my brother Bedeman Cotten Executors of this my last will and testament In testimony whereof I Jesse Cotten have to this my will and testament set my hand & seal this day & date above written
Signed sealed published & declared in presence of us
Joseph Penthall
Catherine her x Stagee mark
Nancy her x Meacham mark

Jesse his x Cotten mark

State of North Carolina
Bertie County } February Term 1803

The last will and Testament of Jesse Cotten dec'd was proved in open Court by the oath of Joseph Penthall one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen November the twenty second
one thousand eight hundred and two I Obediah Sowell
being weak in body and health but sound in mind and
memory blessed be God and do make and ordain this
my last and Testament

First of all I recommend my Soul into the hand of
Almighty God that dedit and the Soul fit my body to the
dust of the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner
by the care of my Executors

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary
Donell five shillings Sterling after her mothers death
to her the said Mary Donell her heirs and assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Obediah
Sowell five shillings Sterling after his mothers death
to him his heirs and assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Ezekiel
Sowell fifty acres of land where he now lives to
him the said Ezekiel to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah
Conard five shillings Sterling after her mothers death
to her and heirs

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy
Sowell one feather bed and furniture to her the said Nancy
and heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Winifred
Sowell one feather bed and furniture to her the said
Winifred and heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my two youngest
Sons John Sowell and Isaac Sowell all my land
where I now live after the death of their mother to
be equally divided not withstanding their mother during
her natural life

Item my young horses to be sold to pay my
just debts and funeral charges I likewise give
all my household goods and Chattels to
my dear beloved wife Ann Sowell during her widow
hood and after her decease to be equally divided
between my three youngest children John Sowell Win

fred Sowell and Isaac Sowell

Last of all I appoint and ordain my Son Ezekiel
Sowell and my wife Ann Sowell Executors to this
my last will and Testament which I do this day confirm
this and no other of ~~old date~~ older date but this
and no other to be my last will and Testament signed
sealed pronounced and delivered to be my last will and
Testament testator of my hand and seal this day year
above written

In presence of us the witnesses to the
sealing thereof —
Abs. Pritchard
John Stanson

Obediah his mark Sowell (Seal)

State of South Carolina } Feby Term 1803
Berkeley County }

The last will and Testament of
Obediah Sowell was proved in open court
by the oath of John Stanson one of the subscribing
witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Gray CC

In the name of God Amen Patience Bragg of Bertie County and State of North Carolina being sick in body, but of sound mind and memory thanks to God for the same but calling to mind the mortality of our nature and that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make and ordain this my last will and Testament to manner and form following that is to say I recommend my soul to almighty God, who gave it and my body I commit to the earth to be decent buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named and as touching such worldly goods wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of the same in the following manner viz —

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Peggy Eason for ever to her and her heirs forever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Lucy Hughes for ever to her and her heirs forever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Molly Moore for ever to her and her heirs forever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Pedin Bridgers the sum of one dollar to be paid him forever — And the remainder of my estate to be equally divided between my daughter Jemima Bragger and Grandson William B Dennis & then their heirs forever. If my Grandson William B Dennis should die without heir for him forever to come back in my family again —

Lastly I do nominate and appoint my daughter Jemima Bridgers Executrix and William Bragg Executor of this my last will and Testament revoking and disallowing of all other wills or wills by me made and do ordain this to be the last will and Testament of me the said Patience Bragg in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this second day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine —

Signed sealed published and declared by the testator to be her last will and Testament in the presence of us

Patience Bragg (Seal)
her mark

Elizabeth Daughtry
John H Powell

State of N. Carolina } Feby Term 1903
Bertie County }

The last will and Testament of Patience Bragg dec'd was proven in open court by the oath of Elizabeth Daughtry one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Gray Clk

State North Carolina Bertie County In the year of our Lord one thousand nine eight hundred & three. In the name of God Amen I Margaret Hassell of the County & State before mentioned being weak in a low state of health but sound in mind & memory do make this my last will & Testament to wit as follows I give & bequeath to loving daughter Mary Ann Hassell all [illegible] to me from the estate of William A. Hassell my beloved husband and also the twenty eight dollars & three dollars my home house —

Witness
Henry Hugh
Dennis Lewis

her
Margaret X Hassell (Seal)
mark

State of N. Carolina } Feby Term 1903
Bertie County }

The last will and Testament of Margaret Hassell dec'd was proven in open court by the oath of Dennis Lewis one of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded —

George Gray Clk

In the name of God amen State of South Carolina Barnby County
I all you of God and Lord on thousand eight hundred
and three I John Bauns being very sick and weak in body but
of perfect mind and memory thanking God for it is appointed one
for all men to die I do first of all give and bequeath to
my daughter Sarah Bauns my father bed and furniture his as
and as mine for ever. I also to my daughter Penfrance Bauns
all my father bed and furniture his as and as mine for ever
I do to Mary Bentley my black walnut table my for her
all the rest of my property not given away to be sold
and the money to be given down between my three daughters after
my just debts are paid —

I do hereby this to be my last will and testament I have set
my hand and seal this day and year Witness —

John Bauns —

Witness
Robert Temple
Mary Bentley

I also give to my son in law Thomas Bauns one gun to his
and his heirs forever —
January the 30 day 1803

State of S. Carolina } Feby Term 1803
Barnwell County }

The last will & testament of John Bauns
dec was proved in open court by the oath of Robert Temple one
of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

Geo. Gray, ell

In the name of God amen I John Britton of Barnwell County
in the State of South Carolina considering the uncertainty of
life do make and ordain this to
be my last will and testament in manner and form following —
Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my son John Britton my

oldest gun and what he has rec'd to him and his heirs forever —
2d I give and devise unto my son Benjamin Britton the land and
plantation whereon I formerly lived in Starkey and having mill all
the appurtenances thereunto belonging my best rifle gun and what
he has rec'd to him and his heirs forever —
3d I give and devise unto my son Michael Britton one gun called
Winter gun and what he has rec'd to him and his heirs forever —
4th I give and devise unto my son Daniel Britton one hundred
acres of land I bought of Henry Myers mill all the appurtenances
thereunto belonging one feather bed and furniture one gun called
new black one sword to him and his heirs forever —
5th I give and devise unto my son George Britton his heirs and assigns
of land which I bought of David Dixon and John Harvey in Pee
Dee having one gun called Epsitus one sword and what he has rec'd to him
and his heirs forever —
6th I lend to my wife Elizabeth Britton my land and plantation
whereon I now live I bought of Robert and George Dixon my one
side saddle and worm screw saw gound stone and all my carpenters
and joiners tools for and during the time of her life or widowhood
and after her death or marriage I lend to my five daughters
Frances Britton Jemiah Britton Elizabeth Britton Anne Britton
and Jemima Britton one half of my house one half of my apple
orchard and one half of my land and plantation that I now
live on my side saddle and worm screw cut saw gound stone
my carpenters and joiners tools for their use and benefit as long
as they live single or to any of them that live single if any of
them should get married as they may the married one have no
more right to the land and appurtenances still nor tools the other
half of the house and orchard land and plantation to my son
Daniel Britton and to his heirs of the still to still his own
forever then after the death or marriage of all my daughters I give
and devise unto my son Daniel Britton the land and plantation
with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging and the
before mentioned still and tools to him and his heirs forever —
7. I also lend to my wife Elizabeth Britton my negro man
Cesar my negro man Jim my negro man Hardy my negro
woman Lizzy during her life or widowhood I also lend to
my son Daniel Cuffy my negro girl Ellis during his natural life —

8th I give and devise unto my daughter Frances Britton one feather bed and furniture my negro boy Drew and after my wife decease my negro woman Ellen with her increase to she and her heirs forever —

9th I give and devise unto my daughter Jerusha Britton one feather bed and furniture and after my wife decease or marriage my negro man Stanny to she and her heirs forever —

10th I give and devise unto my daughter Elizabeth Britton one feather bed and furniture and after my wife decease or marriage my negro man Jim to she and her heirs forever —

11th I give and devise unto my daughter Anne Britton one feather bed and furniture and after my wife decease or marriage my negro woman Lucy to she and her heirs forever —

12th I give [illegible] unto my daughter Jemima Britton one feather bed and furniture and after my wife decease or marriage my negro man Sam to she and her heirs forever —

13th I also lend to my dear wife Elizabeth and to my heirs and assigns the rest and residue of my goods and chattels not before mentioned together for her and my four daughters aforesaid viz and to each for and during the term of her life or widowhood and after the decease or marriage of my dear wife Elizabeth I will and ordain that the residue of my goods and chattels rights and credits not before disposed of be equally divided between my wife if living and my four daughters aforesaid but if my dear wife be dead before the division takes place then I give and bequeath the said goods and chattels rights and credits to my four daughters Frances, Jerusha Elizabeth, Anne and Jemima I say to them and their heirs and assigns forever —

14th I nominate constitute and appoint my wife Elizabeth Britton and my friend Stanly Duncan Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and disannulling all other by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of October 1807 entirely and before signed.

Signed sealed declared in presence of us } John Britton (Seal)

Harvey Duncan
James Ward
Jonathan Holley

State of N. Carolina } May Term 1808
Bertie County }

The last will & testament of John Britton dec'd was proven in open court by the oath of James Ward one of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded —

Geo. Gregory

In the name of God amen I John Britton [illegible] being weak in body but [illegible] perfect mind and memory and knowing there is an appointed time for man to die. I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body to the dust from which it came to be buried in a decent and christian manner according to the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named also as touching such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with —

Item My will and desire is that all my just debts be paid —

Item I lend unto my beloved wife Winifred Smithwick one third part of all my slaves during her natural life —

Item I also lend unto my beloved wife Winifred Smithwick one third of the rest of my estate after my just debts are paid —

Item I give and bequeath unto my two children — William Smithwick and Mary Smithwick the rest of my estate to be equally divided between them to their other heirs and assigns forever —

Principally and lastly I constitute and appoint my dearly beloved wife Winifred Smithwick my executrix and Peter Pearson Smithwick Hyman and William Sutton my executors to this my last will and testament revoking all other former wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us } John Smithwick (Seal)

Saml. R. Pearson. John Williams.

State of N. Carolina } May Term 1803
Bee County }

The last will and testament of John Smith was duly proven in open court by the oath of Samuel R. Alston one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

Geo. Gray Clk

[illegible] of John Smith [illegible] Williams [illegible] and State of [illegible] be [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Item Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend William Williams Executor and my two friends Lemuel Ryan and John Nichols Executors of this my last will and testament — In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 29th day of December Anno Domini 1802

James Williams (Seal)

Signed Sealed and acknowledged
as his last will and Testament
in presence of
George Nichols
Henry Fleetwood
Joel Beasley

State of South Carolina, May Term 1803
Sate County

The last will & testament of James Williams dec'd was produced in Court by the oath of Henry Fleetwood one of the Ext. Testing & being duly proved & ordered to be recorded —

George Gray ccc

In the name of God Amen I John Nolfenden of the State of South Carolina & County of Sate do make & publish this my last will & Testament this twenty fifth day of November one thousand eight hundred & three in the following manner & form —

Imprimis I do hereby appoint my Executors hereafter named to sell and dispose of or convey the State of Tennessee the quantity of land may be entitled by having preference to by the State so to my father of my brother George Nolfenden & have the patent for the whole land is granted to my brother George Nolfenden & also such negroes or either of my property as my beloved niece Elenor Peterson may think to have sold to discharge my debts with —

Should all the residue of my estate real & personal & property of her Henry Peterson during her natural life to my beloved niece Elenor Peterson during her natural life & at her decease to such person or persons as

(Turn over)

my niece Elenor by her last will & testament shall have power to dispose of & bequeath it & for want of such to be divided in equal degree & for the use of & to the young ones of my kinsman Thomas Nolfenden of the Town of Stand in the County of Anson & Parish of Sandy Bay but in case it is the desire of my niece Elenor to dispose of any or the whole of my property or negro servants or land or deed to a purchaser for any part or all of my estate real & personal according to the laws of this State in such cases to receive the money arising from such sale to be laid out in other land or estate & appropriate the said land or estate to the use & intents of this my present will & testament & give her full & ample power so to do —

I nominate & appoint my friends Henry Fleetwood & James Clark executors to this my present last will & testament revoking all others of prior date —

In witness whereof I have set my hand & seal the above date —

John Nolfenden (L.S.)

Signed Sealed & acknowledged
before
Geo. West
Jon Jacocks

State of South Carolina } May Term 1893
Berkeley County }

The last will & testament of John Hogan deceased was proved in open court by the oath of George Hogan & one of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded.

George Hogan Ex

State of South Carolina

I John Hogan of the County of Berkeley & State aforesaid being called to mind the uncertainty of human life & being desirous of disposing of the property of my labor & industry in manner following do make & publish this my last will & testament — In the first place I wish to be buried in a decent manner by my Executors —

In the next I give to my sister Margaret Hogan of Maryland the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid by my executors as soon as the same can be collected by my executors. Also I give to my brother John Scott one hundred dollars for the use of his daughter whose name I forget but remember that she is young & has the appearance of a sickly child — Also I give to my friend John Hofpauer my horse, saddle & bridle notwithstanding the money he owes me for the debt which he owes me — Also I give to my two brothers Alexander Hogan & James Hogan & my friend David Stone to share & share alike & their heirs forever all the residue of my estate real & personal to be equally divided between them — But considering the debt of three hundred dollars which my brother James owes me at the date of his purchase of the land & residence — Lastly I

constitute & appoint my two friends David Stone & Robert Hogan Executors of this my last will & testament hereby directing & empowering my said executors to dispose of the whole of my property real & personal at public sale giving twelve months credit for all sums above forty shillings — In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety three —

John Hogan (Seal)

Signed Sealed published & declared by John Hogan to be his last will & testament in presence
Alex Ferguson
Jos Stone

State of South Carolina } May Term 1893
Berkeley County }

The last will & testament of John Hogan deceased was brought into court & proved upon a commission from this court & ordered to be recorded.

George Hogan Ex

In the name of God amen I Michael Hard of Bertie County in the State of N Carolina being weak in body but of perfect mind & memory calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this to be my last will & testament in manner & form as follows (to wit) First & principally of all I give & bequeath my soul to God my maker & my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my executors 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 & as to what worldly estate it has pleased God to bless me with I give & dispose of the same in the following manner & form to wit that all my lawful debts be paid by my executors out of my perishable & personal estate after my decease —

I give & bequeath to my loving son William Hard one pair of Cart wheels given between me & my father to one half cut one & one third of them to him the said William Hard his heirs & assigns forever —

I give & bequeath to my two beloved sons Daniel Hard all & singular my estate of every kind & nature it may be found that is not before named in this will for & during their natural life & at their decease my will & desire is that the same be equally divided between & among my loving children Joshua Hard Daniel Hard and Winford Hard to them & each of them their heirs & assigns forever — my will & desire is that my wife & my other executor may put my two sons Joshua Hard & Daniel Hard to school upon their own expense as may be necessary for them & instil in them a station of life & occupation that they may follow & I impose them will full authority to raise money out of my personal estate to pay for the same —

I make & ordain my will be sole Daniel Hard & my trusty friend William Rayner Executors & Executor of this my last will & testament & I utterly revoke disannul & disallow every other will legacy or bequest by me before made & ordained & bequeathed ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

& seal this 16th day Feby. 1802 —

Michael Hard (Seal)

Signed sealed published & declared by the said Michael Hard to be his last will & testament in presence of — The words "other" & "not before named in this will" interlined in the 16th line of this will —

Zadock Morris
Walter McFarlan

State of N Carolina } August Term 1802 —
Bertie County }

The [illegible] instrument of Michael Hard died was proved in open court by the oath of Zadock Morris one of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded —

Geo. Gray Clk

In the name of God amen I Daniel Allison of the County of Bertie and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of human life & that it is appointed for all persons once to die do make and ordain this my last will & testament & in the first place I recommend my soul to God the author of all things and desire that my body be buried in a decent christian manner and to such estate as I have been blessed with I dispose of it in the following manner that is to say I give to my son Theophilus Allison one negro boy & named Luke I also give to my said son the remainder part of all my estate of every kind whatever after the payment of my debts my will and desire is of my said son shall be without a lawful heir from his own body for my estate to be equally divided between my brothers children William Edwards and my sister Polly Allison and her heirs forever — Lastly I nominate and appoint Malachi Allison and William Edwards Executors to this my last will and Testament declaring this and no other to be my last will & Testament — whereof I have hereunto

In the name of God amen I Michael Hare of Bertie County in the State of North Carolina being weak in body but of perfect mind & memory calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this to be my last will & testament in manner & form as followeth (to wit) First & principally of all I give & recommend my soul to God my maker & my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my executor in the mean & form 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 and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with I give & dispose of the same in the following manner to wit & item I will & desire that all my lawful debts be paid by my executor out of my personalty or for want all estate after my decease —

I give & bequeath to my loving son William Hare one feather bed & furniture one set of Cooper tools one cross cut saw & one chest of tools to him the said William Hare his heirs & assigns forever —

I give & bequeath to my wife Sarah Hare all & singular my estate of every kind & nature it may be found that is not before named in this will for & during her natural life but after her death my will & desire is that the same be equally divided between & among my living children Joshua Hare Reuben Hare and Hanford Hare to them or a each of them their heirs & assigns forever my will & desire is that my wife & my other executor may put my two sons Joshua Hare & Reuben Hare to school & give them such learning as may be necessary for them & extend to them states of life & occupation that they may follow & I empower them full power authority to raise money out of my personal estate to pay for the same —

I make & ordain my wife Sarah Hare & my brother James William Hare executrix & executor of this my last will & testament & utterly revoke disannul & disallow every other will by me before willed & ordained bequeathed & ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

& seal this 16th day Feby. 1802 —

Michael Hare (Seal)

Signed sealed published & declared by the said Michael Hare to be his last will & testament in presence of - The words (this is not before named in this will) were in the 16th line of this will -

Zadock Morris
Walter McFarlane

State of North Carolina } August Term 1802 —
Bertie County }

The last will & testament of Michael Hare deceased was proved in open court by the oath of Zadock Morris one of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded.

Geo. Gray Clk

In the name of God amen I Sarah Hare of the County of Bertie and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of human life & that it is appointed for all persons once to die do make and ordain this my last will & testament & in the first place I recommend my soul to God the author of all things and desire that my body be buried in a decent Christian manner and to such estate as I have been blessed with I dispose of it in the 1st manner that is to say I give to my son Theophilus Hare one negro boy named Luke I also give to my said son the remainder part of all my estate of every kind whatever after the payment of my debts my will and desire of my said son Elmed die without a lawful heir from his own body for my estate to be equally divided between my brothers children William Edwards and my sister Polly Elson and her heirs forever — Lastly I nominate and appoint Malachi Elson and William Edwards Executors to this my last will and Testament declaring this and no other to be my last will & Testament whereof I have

my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of May eight-
teen hundred & three — Signed sealed & acknowledged in the
presence of —

John Allen Junr
Henry Ford & Allen Junr
witness

Sarah Ulmer her ⊥ mark (Seal)

State of N Carolina } August Term 1803
Bertie County }

The last will & testament of Sarah
Ulmer dec^d was proved in open court by the oath of John Allen one
of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

Geo^r Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I Sarah Devan of Bertie
County and State of North Carolina, sick & weak (being in
sound and perfect memory and understanding) Constitute
and ordain this my last will and testament in manner
and form following viz:

I Give and bequeath unto my beloved husband Jere-
miah Devan all the property I am possessed of except
one bed & bed stead & furniture consisting of two pair of sheets
one bed quilt and two white counter pans two toilet covers
with ruffles to them, my beads & bridle and wearing
apparel which I give to my daughter Elizabeth Burns.
It is also my wish and desire that when Thomas Howe
may obtain a judgment against the estate of James
Burns a one third of said judgment should be taken
and paid out of my part of my fathers estate that will
fall to me at the death of Esther Howe and further I give
and bequeath all the rest of my fathers estate to my
son Levi Burns and my daughter Elizabeth Burns to
be equally divided between them — I do hereby nom-
inate constitute & appoint my beloved husband Jere-
miah Devan Executor of this my last will and
testament —

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal this Eleventh day of May
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred & three —

Signed sealed & delivered
in presence of
W Clements
John Darrell

Sarah Devan (Seal)

The words "& bed" interlined on the ninth line
and the words "Fathers" in the nineteenth line
were interlined before signing & acknowledging
the above will

Codicil to the foregoing will I Sarah Devan
do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my

friend George Gray Esquire an Executor also of this my last will & testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & date of the said will—

In presence of
W Clements
John Sowell

Sarah Devaux (Seal)

State of N Carolina } August Term 1803
Bertie County }

The last will & testament with the codicil annexed of Sarah Devaux decd was proved in open court by the oath of William Clements one of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded—

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I Christopher Clark of the County of Bertie State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind (blessed be God for the same) do this fifteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred, do make and publish this to be my last will and Testament in the manner and form following that is to say First, I give and bequeath to my son James Clark all my lands on Colemans Creek whereon I now live and likewise one half of two tracts or parcels of land, one thousand acres of which lying in Franklin County and five hundred acres in the County of Wilkes both in the State of Georgia. The other half of the said two tracts or parcels of land belonging to Capt Willm Coates and likewise one half of an Entry of land of five thousand acres lying in the Mississippi at Nellbugh the 25th of May 1781 in John Armstrong office by Capt Willm Coates Jr of the entry 2958

I will and bequeath to my son James Clark the following negro viz. Old Will old Bob Fred, Jno, Harry and little Bob, also the negro woman Tofee and Molly and little Ned Tofes Son all the rest of my negros which I have in my possession when I die, I will and bequeath to be equally divided between Capt George West and my daughter Sarah Clements except the negro woman Jane and her daughter Meriah, which I give and bequeath their freedom after my death, likewise I give and bequeath to Meriah, Janes daughter a negro Girl named Jenny and three barrels of corn, and one hundred pounds of pork and twelve dollars in money yearly untill she come to the age of fourteen years my son James Clark I hope will comply with the above as it is the last request of your affectionate Father—

All and every part of my personal property not mentioned heretofore I give and bequeath to my son James Clark after my just debts is paid out

of the same—
And lastly I constitute and appoint my worthy friend Capt George West and my son James Clark Executors of this my last will and testament In witness whereof the said Christ. Clark have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above mentioned—

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Christ. Clark the testator as his last will and Testament in the presence of us— — — —

whereof I have set my hand and seal this [illegible] day of June and the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & three —

In presence of
Alexander Stewart
Elizabeth her x mark Barnes

Eliz. Jennett (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Sept. Term 1803
Bertie County }

The last will & testament of Elizabeth Jennett deceased was produced in Court by Alexander Stewart one of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded —

George Bryan Clk

State of North Carolina } Bertie County }

I Thomas Stone of the Bertie County Court do hereby certify that the within and annexed to be a true copy of the last will & testament of Thomas Stone deceased as the same is recorded in the Bertie County Court Book —

Given under my hand this the twenty fifth day of June 1803 —

Thomas Stone C.C.

2ly I do give unto my beloved wife Sally Moore I give and bequeath my house & land in the marshes containing forty acres to the same more or less of adjoining the lands of John Moore & James Stone & I do give to my said wife Sally Moore the following negroes to wit one negro fellow called Dennis & negro woman called Dice & Peg & a negro girl called Fanny —

3ly I do give unto my nephew John Stone son of my brother William Stone I give & bequeath the following negroes to wit Lewis Lucy & Stanny & I do will & order that all the above devised & bequeathed to be equally divided between my said nephew John Stone & my brother William Stone & the other half I do equally divide between my sister Sarah Moore my nephew John Stone son of the aforesaid William Stone & further my desire that my chest of cows & the chest of stage be equally divided between my brother William Stone & my sister Sarah Moore —

4ly I further give & bequeath to my sister Sarah Moore one negro woman called the Redmond Jenny & her children & I give & bequeath unto my sister Sarah Moore one negro child called Fanny —

5ly It is my desire that the increase of my negroes from this time my negroes belong to them to wit to the mother & her children & I have appointed my brother William Stone & John Moore Executors of this my last will & Testament —

Note The word Jenny on the 4th line from the bottom was interlined before reading & signing —

In witness of the above I have hereunto affixed my hand this — day of — 1802

Dice & Ned mentioned in presence of us

State of North Carolina } Bertie County }

Supreme Court of Law Bertie Term 1803

The foregoing paper writing having been brought to this Court by appeal from the County Court of Hertford County & a jury being now empannelled, sworn and charged to enquire whether the said writing is the last will & Testament of Thomas Stone deceased or is not his said will upon

the under signed do say that the same writing is the last will and Testament of the said Thomas Stone deceased so far as the personal estate of the said Thomas It is therefore considered by the court that the said last will and Testament be returned to the Orphans Court of Somerset County for Probate according to law and that upon the qualification of the Executor therein named or order of that Court

Test Will Blanchard

State of Md Somerset } Nov Term 1808

The last will & Testament of Thomas Stone deceased was proved in the Orphans Court of Somerset County October Term 1808 before the undersigned Judges of said court

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen this thirty first day of December 1808 I John Mezell of Somerset County being weak in body but of good and perfect memory blessed be God calling to mind the mortality of my body do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in the manner and form following and first I give to my well beloved Son Henry Mezell one Silver dollar —

Secondly I give to my well beloved Son Isaac Mezell one Silver dollar —

Thirdly I give to my daughter Rachel Mezell One Silver dollar —

Fourthly I give to my well beloved daughter Hannah Mezell one Silver dollar —

Fifthly I give to my well beloved daughter Leah Mezell one Silver dollar —

And Sixthly I lend to my well beloved wife Hannah Mezell the whole of my estate as land and household goods and stock with everything belonging to me her natural lifetime and at her decease I give to my two sons Lorance Mezell and Joshua Mezell to be equally divided betwixt them all my lands and lastly I give to my well beloved daughter Rachel Mezell one third part of the moveables of my estate at my wife Hannah Mezells decease and the other two thirds of all of my estate to be equally divided betwixt my well beloved sons aforementioned Lorance Mezell and Joshua Mezell and lastly I make and appoint my well beloved son Isaac Mezell and Levis Mitchell joint and sole executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and disavowing all other wills and all my former wills and legacies by me made declaring only this to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal

Stephen McDowell Hanel Rayner John Mezell (Seal)

State of Maryland } Nov Term 1808
Baltimore County }

Jurys impannelled & Sworn say the foregoing instrument of writing is the last will & testament of John Mezell decd & ordered to be recorded

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I Noah Hinton of the County of Sampson and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to God doth give devise and dispose of my estate as follows (to wit) I give and bequeath unto my nephew Noah Thompson his heirs and assigns forever two hundred acres of land lying joining Isaac Hinton's land beginning at a white oak formerly standing on the Wheel road being a corner tree of the old field then running with the old lines as far as that the lines hereafter mentioned will contain the two hundred acres of land to a straight line across to the Village Swamp thence down the meanders of said swamp to the corner of said old field then [illegible] to a corner thence running the old line to the said Noah I also give and bequeath unto the said Noah Thompson his heirs and assigns forever two hundred acres of land lying joining Pocket and Jesse —

Item I give and bequeath unto my brother William Hinton his heirs and assigns forever the following tracts of lands to wit the manor plantation where I now live and all my lands joining it except the two hundred acres of land already given I also give and bequeath unto my said brother William Hinton his heirs and assigns forever the other following tracts of lands and plantations to wit two hundred acres of land lying in the marshes the two hundred acres of land lying in the Swamp Woods two hundred acres of land lying in Pocket and Jesse and one hundred acres of land lying in the pine woods —

Item I give and bequeath unto my brother William Hinton his heirs and assigns forever the following twenty negroes to wit Bonnie, Hope, Burrell, Nell, Sandy, Benny, Molly, Isaac, Sarah, Cady, Jeffry, Minnie, Ned, Ellen, Cato, Coffee, Isaac, Bill, Vin, Nan, Jacob they and their future increase —

Item I give and bequeath unto Noah Thompson his heirs and assigns forever the following negroes to wit Sol, Lucy, Solomon, John, Joe, Stephen, Charles, Selah, Mary, Judah, Daisy, Molly, Wilbert, Tom, Chancy, Ellen, Jim they and their future increase —

Item I give and bequeath unto my sister Clarissa Hinton her heirs and assigns forever the following negroes to wit Amy, Lettie, Reuben, Hannah, Cato all they and their future increase —

Item I give and bequeath unto my niece Elizabeth Hinton her heirs and assigns forever the following negroes to wit Lucinda and her future increase —

Item I give and bequeath unto my nephew Noah Hinton Shaw his heirs and assigns forever the following negroes to wit Phillis, Sue and their future increase —

Item I give and bequeath unto my nephew Lewis Hinton and his heirs and assigns forever the following negroes to wit Lucy, Jim —

Item I give and bequeath unto William Hinton son of my nephew William Hinton his heirs and assigns forever the following negroes to wit Mitchell and Tobey, he and their future increase —

Item I give and bequeath unto Marcyal Hinton son of said William Hinton his heirs and assigns forever the following negroes to wit Thomas and Harry they and their future increase —

Item I give and bequeath unto my brother William Hinton and Noah Thompson they and each of their heirs and assigns forever all the remainder of my estate consisting of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, bonds, notes, books, accounts, household furniture and all kinds of articles whatsoever to me belonging to be equally divided share and share alike and I hereby make and ordain my brother William Hinton and Noah Thompson executors of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I the said Noah Hinton have to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal this ninth day of November

in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Noah Hinton as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us

Noah Hinton (Seal)

Lee Moore
Isaac Moore
Samuel Thompson
Reynolds his mark A Long

This instrument of writing was given to Noah Thompson his heirs and assigns forever a certain piece or parcel of land lying down on Roan Creek Waters beginning at the mouth of a branch running the said Lot to my back line to the said line to the corner thence the dividing line between William Williams & Self to the river thence by the meanders of the river to the first stake containing Sixty acres be the same more or less it being part of the land bought of William Williams Senr and will more fully appear by deed given the Sd Noah Thompson on the remainder of the land I have given to my beloved William Hinton in the above will I have given to his heirs forever and on the other property that I have given in the above Sd will to my said Son William Hinton I give the same to my said Son William Hinton I give the same to my said Son William Hinton and their heirs forever and on the other property that I have given in the above Sd will to my said Son William Hinton I give the same to my said Son William Hinton and their heirs forever

Witness (Signed) Noah Hinton
William Hinton and Elizabeth Thompson now Hinton of Grant Co of Pendleton and to their and their heirs forever

In witness whereof I the said Noah Hinton do to this part of my last will and Testament set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight —

Witness to sign
Thos Thompson
Reuben Thompson

Noah Hinton (Seal)

Whereas since the making of the foregoing will Noah Thompson one of the principal devisees & legatees have died whereby doubts may arise respecting the operation of the devises & bequests to him & in order to prevent the same I the said Noah Hinton have this twenty eighth day of May in the year 1799 made this codicil to my said last will & testament for the purpose I do hereby declare it to be my will and desire that the children of the Sd Noah Thompson shall have & enjoy the estate and property devised & bequeathed as aforesd to him the Sd Noah Thompson I bind his heirs & executors administrators & assigns forever in the same manner that he would or might have had & enjoyed the same had the Sd Noah Thompson survived me In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above said, done in presence of —

Test

Noah Hinton (Seal)

Robert Thos Pin
William his mark T Mitchel
Silas Moore

State of Kentucky } Nov Term 1803
Bath County }

The last will and Testament of Noah Hinton dec'd with the Codicils annexed was proved in open Court by the oaths of Thomas Thompson & Silas Moore two of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Gray CC

In the name of God Amen 16th day of May 1803 I George Copeland son of Michael of Bell County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but of sound mind to be alright, for so doubtful and frailty of my life and memory therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain and constitute this my last will and Testament and desire it may be taken by all as such, and first of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named 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 I will and principally order that all my debts be paid —

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my beloved brothers Michael Copeland and William Copeland the remainder of my estate to be equally divided to them and their heirs forever —

Item I do hereby constitute and appoint my brother Michael Copeland and my brother William executors to this my last will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disannul and and disallow all other former wills Testaments gifts and legacies ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and Testament. Signed sealed and declared by the said George Copeland to be his last will and Testament the day and date above written in the presence of

David Gordon Junr
Elizabeth Gordon

George his mark Copeland (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Feby Term 1806
Bell County }

The last will and testament of George Copeland dec^d was proved in open court by the oath of David Gordon Junr one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded

Geo^r Graylle

In the name of God Amen I Benjamin Bass of the State of North Carolina and County of Bell being of sound and perfect mind and memory (thanks be to God) do this thirteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following viz —

First I lend to my beloved wife Mary the land and house we now live bounded as follows beginning at James Wells line in the branch running up the branch to a stake branch where there is a pile of stones a stone corner marked X corner walter oak Sycamore pointers of the red gum thence the course and to Michael Wells line thence the course along his line to the first station. also I lend to my beloved wife Mary during her life all my stock of horses and all my stock of cattle and all my stuff to be use and benefit —

I give and bequeath to my son Ezekiel Smith Bass all the land on the Potter column I now live I give and bequeath to my son Ezekiel Smith Bass half my land and half of my homeless and kitchen furniture all my plantation and implements I give and bequeath the other same land and other articles to him the said Ezekiel Smith Bass his heirs and assigns forever —

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Bass one half of my household and kitchen furniture and one half of all my cattle and one half of all my stock of every sort by her family to be possessed and enjoyed forever

I give and bequeath to my son William Bass the sum of fifty dollars by him family to be possessed and enjoyed forever —

I give and bequeath to my son George Bass the sum of fifty dollars by him family to be possessed and enjoyed forever —

I give and bequeath to my son John Bass one half of my stock of stock by him to be possessed and enjoyed forever all the remainder of my property which is not yet given away I lend to my beloved wife Mary Bass during her life and at her decease to be equally divided between my son Ezekiel Smith Bass and my daughter Sarah Bass by them family to be possessed and enjoyed forever —

I hereby appoint my son Ezekiel Smith Bass my whole and sole Executor (Bass) of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby disclaim and revoke all and every other Deed of willed legacies or bequeathed by me in any way made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and year above written —

Signed Sealed and delivered

Benjamin Bass (Seal)

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David Gordon Junr
Elizabeth Gordon

George his mark Copeland (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Feby Term 1806
Bell County }

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Signed Sealed and delivered

Benjamin Bass (Seal)