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)

by the oath of Benjamin Cox
to be his last will and Testa-
ment in presence of us —
Joseph Stone
John Coffman
Benjamin Coffman

State of N. Carolina } Feby Term 1804
Burke County }

The last will & Testament of
Benjamin Cox dec'd was proved in open court by the oath of Benjamin
Coffman one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray Clk

In the name of God amen I Margaret Rhea of Burke County being
affected in body but of perfect mind and memory and knowing
appointed for all to die do make ordain this my last will and Te-
stament and in the manner and form following first my will and
do ordain that all my just debts be paid —
Item I give to my beloved son John D. Rhea my Desk and Looking
Glass and no more —
Item I give to my beloved daughter Mary Rhea one bed and bed
bed and furniture and one large Iron spoon and one half dozen
of the spoons and one Chamel Bible and the one half of my Chang
I give to my beloved daughter Margaret Rhea the second chose bed
and furniture and the other half of my Chang, with one third of my
property as was finished in the eldest of the spoons and a chamel
Bible —
Item all the rest of my property to be sold for six months credit
the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my five
youngest children in the following manner (viz) to be divided
amongst Mary and Margaret and Christian and William and
Elizabeth and Frances Rhea that is to them all — I do hereby

constitute and appoint worthy friend Hansley Pritchard Executor to this
my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this the 13 day of October in the year of our Lord eight
hundred and three —
Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us —
Test
James Smithwick
Alexander Sigler

Margaret her + mark Rhea (Seal)

State of N. Carolina } Feby Term 1804
Burke County }

The last will & Testament of Margaret Rhea
dec'd was proved in open court by the oath of James Smithwick one of the
subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Gray Clk

In the name of God amen I Hansley Pennington in health and memory
this my last will and Testament in manner following I do say and
will and demise that after my debts be paid that all or whatever of my
body dies, or any any may belong to me, that the same, be in manner of
shall be the property of my Wife Hannah Pennington In witness whereof
have hereunto set my hand & seal this 11th day of March 1805
Test
James Simpson
Charles Rhea —

Hansley + Pennington (Seal)
mark

State of N. Carolina } Feby Term 1804
Burke County }

The last will & Testament of Hansley Pennington dec'd
was proved in open court by the oath of Charles Rhea one of the subscribing
witnesses ordered to be recorded —

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen. I John Rutland of Bute County and State of North Carolina, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same but calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say first I do recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to be buried by burial at the direction of my Executor hereafter named. And touching my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of the same in manner and form following — Imprimis I lend to my wife Nancy Rutland all my land negroes stock of all kinds household and kitchen furniture utensils of all kinds that I am now possessed of during her natural life —

Secondly I give and bequeath to my son Timothy Rutland one negro man named Joseph in paying one hundred dollars before the delivery of the said negro I give and bequeath to him and his heirs forever —

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my son Wharton Rutland my tract of land lying and being in Northampton County which I bought of William Vann; also one negro woman Dean, one bay mare called Jill one bed and furniture & two cows and yearlings to him and his heirs forever —

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my son Jesse Rutland my tract of land I bought of John Hunter and Solomon Young; also one negro man named Ben to him and his heirs forever —

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my son Blake Baker Rutland the land and plantation I now live on to him and his heirs forever —

Sixthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Jones one negro boy named Jackson, that she now has with her; also one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever —

Seventhly I give and bequeath to my four sons (viz) Wharton, Johnston, Thomas Blount and Blake Baker Rutland to them my four sons the negroes (viz) Dick, Mourning, Wednesday, Hannah, Sam and Lucy to be equally divided among them at the death or marriage of my wife to them and their heirs forever —

Eighthly I give and bequeath to my five sons (viz) Wharton, Jesse, Timothy, Johnston, Thomas Blount and Blake Baker

Rutland the remainder part of my estate that is not already given away, at my wife's death or marriage to be equally divided among them to them and their heirs forever —

Lastly I do constitute and ordain my dearly beloved wife Nancy Rutland Executrix and my friends Moses Bishop and William Higgs Executors of this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all other wills or wills by me heretofore made, and hereby ordaining this to be taken for my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the third day of January one thousand eight hundred and four

Signed sealed published and declared by the testator to be his last will and testament in presence of us and we at the request of the testator have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of each other

Willoby Rutland
Micajah his mark Walker
L. S. Burkett

J. Rutland (Seal)

State of North Carolina
Bute County } May Term 1804

The last will and testament of John Rutland deceased was proven in open court by the oath of Micajah Walker one of the subscribing witnesses — ordered to be recorded

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I Nancy Rutland being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say I do recommend my soul to God that gave it and my body to be decently buried at the direction of my Executor hereafter named. Secondly after all my just debts and funeral charges are paid I give to my daughter Elizabeth Higgs Baker all the property of my husband John Rutland to enable her to support and raise my little children. And I also appoint my friend William Higgs my sole executor and do revoking all other wills and testaments and do ordain this my last will and testament to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and four

Signed and sealed in presence of
Benj. Baker
J. Rutland

Ellen Baker (Seal)

State of North Carolina
Bute County } May Term 1804

The last will and testament of Ellen Baker deceased was proven in open court by the oath of Benjamin Baker one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I Ann Bird of Bertie County being
sound and perfect mind & memory blessed be God for it do this
day of March in the year of our Lord 1804 make and publish
this to be my last will and testament to manner following that
is to say I give unto Nancy Holley daughter of Mrs Holley and
Asaph Bryan at my death to be equally divided between them
the sum of my Bible to Nancy Holley and I give unto Asaph Bry-
an my Cart and one sow and one pewter tray to Asaph one double
mourning to my brother John Holley and one double mourning
to my brother Mr Holley and I give unto Cary to Mrs
Holley and I give to Asaph Bryan one shoat and
[illegible] the rest or residue of them I may leave left
I give it to my sister Peggy Holley the remainder and I hereby
[illegible] my friends Mr Henry Rice John Wilson
Esq. executors of this my last will and testament to settle them
I do hereby revoke all other wills by me made and ratify
this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Ann Bird

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Ann Bird the
testatrix as her last will and testament in the presence of us who
have hereunto set our hands in her presence and at her request

Witness
James Nelson Jr
Mary Etheridge
Nancy Cooke

State of N. Carolina } May Term 1804
Bertie County }

The last will and testament of Ann Bird
dec'd was proved in open court by the oath of James Nelson Jr one
of the witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded

Geo. Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen

I Thos Cherry of Bertie County & State of North Carolina being sound
in health & in perfect sense & memory considering the shortness of life &
uncertainty of death do make & ordain this my last will & testament (viz)
First, My will & desire is that all my just debts be paid
Secondly, That a sufficient quantity of food & wheat corn & forage
shall be furnished by my Executors during the remainder of my natural life
many enumerate the effects of all whom may be given to be found —
Item, I give & bequeath to my Executors during the remainder my horse market
& chaise of my horses together with my saddle & chaise of many thus
to be my property at my death but as a compensation for his services have
a better of formality —
Item I give & bequeath all the residue of my property of any thing
to be equally divided between my [illegible] children share & share
alike for their use & profit to my executors & assigns —
Lastly I nominate & appoint Mr Hall and Hubbard my Executors
with full power to act & do as they think fit for the continuance of
my business & that he be allowed a sufficient sum to satisfy him
for all the trouble & expense he may be at, out of the money the business
from by which Executors are governed in the same — In witness whereof I
have hereunto set my hand & seal this 22d day of April A.D. 1804.

Thos Cherry (Seal)

State of N. Carolina } May Term 1804
Bertie County }

The last will and testament of Thomas Cherry
dec'd was proved in open court by the oaths of Jonathan Jones and Samuel
Howell the same being now well acquainted with the writing of the said
Cherry and believe it to be written with his own hand — Ordered to be
recorded

Geo. Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Minson of the State of North Carolina and County of Bertie being of sound mind and memory (blessed be God) do this twelfth eight day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three seventy and do make my last will and testament in manner following viz

First I give to my beloved wife Lucy Minson all my land and plantation I now live during the time of her natural life or as long as she remains my widow and I give and bequeath all my stock and household furniture to be equally divided between my two sons Thomas Minson and William Minson to them their heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Jesse Minson the sum of one hundred dollars to be equally divided among my children to be paid as I shall come to the age of twenty one or else when he comes to the age of twenty one years

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucy Minson all my wearing apparel and my gold watch and divide equally among all my children in the following manner viz I give to my daughter Nancy Minson one female slave named Dinah to my daughter Sally Minson one female slave named Hannah to my daughter Polly Minson one female slave named Ann after the mourning to my three daughters the above female slaves named to each; all the increase of my slaves to be equally divided among all my children by those females to be kept for their use and benefit I have appointed my son Jesse Minson and my loving wife Lucy Minson my executors of this my last will In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day and year above written.

Thomas Minson (Seal)

Witness
Joel Thomas
Lewis Barfoot + mark
James Minson + mark

State of North Carolina } August Term 1804
Bertie County } The last will and Testament of Thomas Minson deceased was proved in open Court by the oath of Joseph Thomas one of the subscribing witnesses — thereon to be recorded —

Geo. Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen the twenty sixth day of May one thousand and eight hundred and four I William Bentley of the County of Bertie and State of North Carolina being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same and considering the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say — first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner 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 touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form —

First of all my will is that all my just debts be paid within convenient time after my decease and then after my debts being paid I give the rest of my estate as followed —

Item I give and bequeath to beloved wife Sarah Bentley one half of my estate after my just debts being paid —

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Betsey Bentley the other half of my estate I nominate and appoint Luke Smithwick my executor to this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us
Test Edward Hale

William Bentley (Seal)

State of North Carolina } August Term 1804
Bertie County }

The last will and testament

of William Bentley dec'd was proved in open Court by the oath of Edward Cook the subscribing witness — Ordered to be recorded —

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen I James B Jordan of the State of North Carolina & County of Burke being sick & weak but of sound mind & memory do make & publish this my last will & testament this twenty of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & forty in the following manner

My son James Jordan one dollar

I give my beloved wife Frances Jordan one third of my lands during her natural life & at her death to be sold & the money equally divided among my beloved wife Frances the other two thirds of my personal & real estate to be sold & divided

I also give my negro slave Stock to my wife Sold & the money arising from the sale be placed at interest & my land be rented out —

My son John Allen Jordan the interest arising from my estate to support & educate his minor children & educate them at the discretion of my executors & wish him brought up industriously until he arrives at the age of twenty years or marry & then I give & bequeath unto my three children the hereditament forever

I wish my son John Allen before what the above provides shall be paid to the Commissioner of the Court of Burke & that John Jordan & Thomas Jordan forever the interest arising from the three fourths of all my other estate shall be put to establish a school to instruct my children in reading & writing & the following

The interest arising from the other fourth part of my other estate I lend to Jesse to the Elders & and

Deacons of the Baptist Church of Christ & their successors forever to be distributed annually by them to such poor members or strangers preachers as they may think proper

The land left my beloved wife at her death I wish disposed of as the residue of my estate is —

I appoint my friends John Shuler Peter Rocco & Jonathan Jacobs executors of this my last will & testament & give them power to act as they may think best for the interest of my estate I am independent of the law

James B. Jordan (Seal)

Signed sealed & acknowledged before us
Luke Smithwick
John Rocco

State of North Carolina } In the Burke County Court.
Burke County

The last will and testament of James B Jordan dec'd was proved in open Court by the oath of Luke Smithwick one of the subscribing witnesses Ordered to be recorded —

George Gray III.

In the name of God Amen September 21st 1804 I John Hallum being weak in body and health but sound in mind & memory blessed be God and do make and ordain this to be my last will & testament in manner & form as follows—

First of all I recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body to be buried decently at the discretion of my Executor by the name of a Christian like manner by the care of my executors and what little of the worldly goods the Lord has blessed me with I give and dispose of as follows I give and bequeath unto my son Jermiah Hallum one negro girl called Lucy and one tract of land where I now live containing one hundred fifty acres more or less bounded by my other tracts of land the whole of my stock of all sorts is to be equally divided between the two younger sons and Charlotte I wish to have to my dear beloved Lydia Hallum all my household & kitchen furniture & all my farming tools & all the crop of corn & fodder during her natural life she making use of the same and after her death to be equally divided between my three children that is Hannah and Jermiah & William to be equally divided between them and last of all I give unto my two sons William & John and John I put at liberty to settle my estate & testament according to the intent of this instrument to be my last will & testament I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day & date above written to be my last will & testament

Witnessing
Wm. Pitchard
Benjamin White

John X Hallum his mark Seal

State of Tennessee } November Term 1804
Bedford County }

The last will and testament

of John Hallum dec'd was proved in open Court by the oath of Absalom Pitchard one of the subscribing witnesses — Ordered to be recorded —

George Gray C.C.

In the name of God Amen August 31st 1799 I Judy White of Bedford County and State of Tennessee being in sound mind and memory to make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say in the first place I commend my soul into the hands of the Almighty God who gave it and my body I recommend to the ground to be buried in a decent manner by the care and good will of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God and touching such worldly estate it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form —

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my youngest son Lewis White my mansion plantation and one hundred acres adjoining and one cow and calf and one feather bed & furniture to him the said Lewis his heirs and forever —

Item I give unto my son Benj White my land to the S. Benjamin and forever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my son William White nine acres of land joining my plantation bounded between Lewis White formerly lived to him the S. William his heirs and forever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Judith Ray one cow and calf to her the S. Judith her heirs and forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Winifred Hale one cow and calf to her the S.

Kingfield & heirs and forever.

Item I will and desire that the rest of my estate to be sold & by my debts and all demands and the remainder of my estate to be equally divided between all my children viz Elizabeth White, Reuben White, George White, William White and Leander White the heirs of such Sister Lemuel Mizell Benefred White and Judith Cry all in manner name.

Item I lay of all blessings of God and do bid for my dear children Elizabeth and Reuben White to my Sole executor of this my last will and testament made for & that this is and know ye be to be my last will and testament that I have published & pronounced.

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Medy White to be his last will and Testament in presence of us who at the request and the same to be my last will and Testament —

John his x mark White
Abner P. Leland
Henry White
Sally his x mark White

Medy x White (Seal)

State of N Carolina } November Term 1861
Bertie County }

The last will and testament of Medy White was proved in open Court by the oath of Abner Leland one of the subscribing witnesses. Ordered to be recorded —

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I Alexander Wynbert of Bertie County in the State of North Carolina being sick & weak of body but in perfect possession of my senses & being of sound disposing mind and memory do make ordain & establish this my last will & testament in manner & form following to wit

1st I give and devise unto my son James Wynbert that my house & lots in the Town of Windsor, and all my other real estate to him and his heirs forever. —

2nd I give unto my daughter Nancy Wynbert five Shillings —

3rd The rest and residue of my property I leave to be equally divided among my children James, Elizabeth & Mary Wynbert and after the payment of all my just debts I give & bequeath unto my said children James, Elizabeth & Mary Wynbert their heirs forever all my property & estate of what nature or kind soever, except my real property already devised to my son James to be equally divided among them —

4th My will & further desire is that my daughters Elizabeth and Mary should live with me the time of their marriage on the lot on which I now live in the Town of Windsor, and should my son James to whom the said houses & lots are devised think proper to sell or dispose of the same, that he shall build for my said daughters Elizabeth & Mary on the said lot a comfortable house in which they, said Elizabeth & Mary may live without interruption until marriage — And should my son James think proper to permit them my daughters Elizabeth & Mary to live on said lot, & should he be disposed to sell & dispose of the same to them I providing for my said daughters Elizabeth & Mary the house to live in as above mentioned — Then & in that case I give & devise the said houses & lots, & my other real property to my son James aforesaid & unto my daughters Elizabeth & Mary to them & their heirs

forever to be equally divided amongst them —

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint James Hughes and Elizabeth White executors and executrix of this my last will & testament hereby revoking & disannulling all former wills by me made & declaring this to be my only last will & testament —

Signed Sealed & published this twenty first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & four in presence of

Saml R Clarkson
Lucy Williams

Alex. Hughes (Seal)

State of North Carolina } November Term 1807
Bertie County }

The last will and testament of Alexander Hughes deceased was proved in open Court by the oath of Lucy Williams one of the subscribing witnesses — Ordered to be recorded.

George Bragg Clk

In the name of God Amen I James Parker of the State of North Carolina Bertie County being weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given to God calling to mind the mortality of body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors & touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner to wit —

Item I give to my dear wife my plantation

the house and to be sold to pay my just debts —

Item I lend my loving mother Amelia Parker my negro fellow name George & after her death I give the said negro George to my brother Thomas Parker to him & his heirs forever

Item I lend to my two sisters Sarah & Ann Parker the house & plantation after my mother's death until they are married & then I give all my lands to my brother Richard Parker to him & his heirs forever —

Item I give my sister Elizabeth Ring one cow & calf

Item I give my brother Richd Parker's children the sum of shillings a piece —

Item I give to my sisters Sarah Parker & Ann Parker all the remainder of my estate to them & their heirs forever willing and bequeathing & confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament in witness of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of February one thousand eight hundred & five — Signed sealed in presence of us

Test Richd Parker
Allen Williams
Joshua Rhodes

James Parker (Seal)

State of North Carolina } February Term 1807
Bertie County }

The last will & testament of James Parker deceased was proved in open Court by the oath of Allen Williams one of the subscribing witnesses — Ordered to be recorded —

George Bragg Clk

In the name of God Amen. I James Bazemore of
Bertie County & State of North Carolina do hereby acknow-
ledge that this is my last will & testament in the first
place I desire to have my body to be laid in a
Christian manner as my Executors shall see fit and
I James Bazemore do confirm that one of a sound and
disposing mind do follow viz It is my desire that my
tract of land which I live on should belong to my
sons Elisha Bazemore Elisha Bazemore Humphrey
Bazemore Stanley Bazemore, James Bazemore Allen
Bazemore, Perry Bazemore the said land is joining of
Daniel Stone land & Jesse Bazemore Senr & Jesse Baze-
more Jr land. It is my desire that my wife shall
have the use of the land it is my desire two parts of
the land to be sold by my Executors for six months
credit and be given sold for Elisha, Elisha Humphrey
Stanley James Allen Perry and the money to be equal
divided it is my desire if my wife death be found to be sold & equal divided between Elisha,
Elisha Humphrey Stanley James Allen Perry —
It is my desire my Executors shall Perry Bazemore
& Elisha Bazemore bids that they hold of me to be
divided they are entitled in cash and that they
do pay unto Elisha Stanley Humphrey James
Allen Perry my daughter Mary Bazemore to have
equal money of the said property as will be
equal with Elisha & Humphrey bids It is my desire
that no more slaves of mine be to my Children Perry
Elisha Elisha Humphrey Stanley James Allen
Mary Perry It is my desire that my debts be
paid & all those who are indebted to me should
be paid It is my desire that the remainder of
my property to be sold and the money to be equally divided between my Children Elisha Elisha,
Humphrey Mary James Allen Humphrey Mary
Perry Bazemore It is my desire that Jesse Bazemore,
Elisha Bazemore shall be my Executors I James
Bazemore do hereby acknowledge this to be my

last will & testament therefore do set my hand & affix
my seal this nineteen day of September one eight hun-
dred & four

Witness

John Bazemore Senr
Turner Bazemore

James Bazemore (Seal)

Likewise it is my desire that my wife should have
one bed & furniture one mare & hunting saddle one cow
& calf one dish and two basons one big & all it is my de-
sire that my wife should have two hundred weight of
pork and 10 barrels of corn —

Witness

Jeremiah Bunch Senr

James Bazemore (Seal)

State of North Carolina
Bertie County } February Term 1805

The last will & testament of
James Bazemore dec.d was proved in open Court
by the oath of Turner Bazemore one of the subscribing witnesses and the bodence thereto by the oath
of Jeremiah Bunch Senr the subscribing witness
Ordered to be recorded —

George Gray Clk

In the name of God I John Hail of Bertie County
& State of N Carolina being weak in body but of
perfect mind & sound memory thanks be given to
God therefor Calling into 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 & Tes-
tament in manner & form as follows. Imprimis, first &
principally of all I give & bequeath my soul to God
my maker & searching his most gracious acceptance
of it for the same through the all sufficient merits of
my most Compassionate redeemer Jesus Christ my
body I leave to be buried in a Christian
manner at the direction of my Executors hereinafter
named & nominated & doubting but I shall re-
ceive the same again by the almighty power of God
at the general resurrection of the dead in the last
day & as touching such worldly Estate as it hath
pleased God to bless me with I give & dispose of the
same in the following manner & form I will & de-
sire that all my lawful debts be paid by my Executors
out of my personal Estate or moneys arising after my de-
cease I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Selah
Hail the full & perfect profits of my plantation & the land
thereunto belonging whereon I now live with all
and singular my Estate of every kind & wherever it
may be found for & during that time that she re-
mains my widow but after her death or marri-
age I give & bequeath the said plantation & lands
thereunto belonging to my son Isaac Hail to him
his heirs & assigns forever but if my aforesaid son
Isaac Hail shall die before he comes to be of the full
age of twenty one years or has no lawful begotten
heir of his body then I give & bequeath the aforesaid
plantation & lands thereunto belonging to my loving
son John Hail to him his heirs & assigns forever Everything
herein before contained to the contrary notwithstand-
ing I give & bequeath to my sister in law Keth-
arine Hail the widow of my brother Peter Hail

dec.d the use & privilege of the plantation & lands whereon
I now lives for & during the time that she remains my
brothers widow, but after her death or marriage I give &
bequeath the said plantation & the lands thereunto be-
longing to my loving son John Hail to him his heirs and
assigns forever. I give & bequeath to my beloved wife
Selah Hail my negro woman Pegg for & during my
said wife Selah Hail natural life but my will & desire
is that all the increase that may come from my said
Negro woman Pegg before my son John Hail comes to
be of the full age of twenty one be equally divided be-
tween & among my three daughters Judith Hail Priscilla
Hail & Penelope Hail & I give and bequeath the same
to them their heirs & assigns forever [illegible] after the death of my wife
Selah Hail's death. I give & bequeath to my
son John Hail my said Negro woman Pegg with
all the increase that may come from her after my
said son John Hail comes to be of the full age of twenty
one years to him the said John Hail his heirs and
assigns forever. My will and desire is that if
my wife Selah Hail should be married after my
death she should take her of her firm of my planta-
tion & lands thereunto belonging whereon I now
live until such time as my son Isaac Hail
comes to be of the full age of twenty one years any
thing herein before contained to the contrary not
withstanding. I give and bequeath to my loving
wife Selah Hail one feather bed & furniture, her
first choice of all the feather beds & furniture that
is in my house to her the said Selah Hail, her
heirs & assigns forever I give and bequeath to
my son Isaac Hail one horse to him his heirs
and assigns forever. But my will and desire is
that my son Isaac Hail shall give or pay to my
son John Hail ten pounds lawful money of the
State aforesaid as a consideration of the gift of the horse
aforesaid to him the said John Hail his heirs &
assigns forever. My will & desire is that com-

Estate of every kind whatever it may be found that is not before mentioned & disposed of in this Will be after my wife's death or marriage I do hereby divide between and among my three Daughters, Judith Hale, Jerusha Hale and Penelope Hale & I do give and bequeath the same to them their heirs and assigns forever. And I make & ordain my loving wife Sarah Hale and my Brother in law Willis Parker Executrix and Executor of this my last Will and Testament & do utterly revoke, disannul & disallow every other Will Legacy and bequeath by me made. Will Legacies & bequeathed, Ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 30th day of August 1808.

Signed Sealed published pronounced & declared by the said John Hale to be his last Will & Testament in presence of

Penelope Hale
Hosea Morgan

John his + mark Hale (Seal)

State of Maryland } May Term 1805
Somerset County }

The last Will & Testament of John Hale deceased was proved in Open Court by the oath of Hosea Morgan one of the Subscribing Witnesses

Ordered to be registered.

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I James Hughes of Princess Anne Somerset County & State of Maryland being weak in body but in sound perfect mind & memory blessed be God for the same do make ordain & publish this my last will and Testament as it appeareth fit for all mortals to do. I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God to be buried in the dust of the earth in a Christian like manner by the discretion of my friends. I have after my decease after all debts of this nature have been duly paid & my funeral charges discharged I give unto my dear wife Elizabeth Hughes the use of my plantation whereon I now live with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging during her natural life or until she shall see cause to quit the same to the use of my dear wife Elizabeth Hughes during her natural life time the same I have of late given my dear daughter Ann the free use of it without any interruption or hinderance from her or any other whatever for that is so near of the same time. Item I do give and devise unto my dear wife Elizabeth Hughes at the decease of my dear wife Elizabeth Hughes all the residue of my land or plantation belonging to the said Elizabeth Hughes all the residue of my estate real and personal to be equally divided between my daughters Ann Hughes, Rebecca Hughes, Betsy and Charlotte all my home lots goods and chattels of all kinds to be equally divided between the six after the death of my wife —

First of all I appoint my friends James Lecompte Esq. & William Hayward my sole Executors to this my last will and testament. Confirming & ratifying this and no other to be my last will & testament. In Witness my hand and seal this 31st of July One Thousand Eight hundred & four. Signed sealed and declared to be my last will and testament. In presence of the undersigned

Abm Fruchard
Sam[illegible]

James Hughes (Seal)

State of N. Carolina } May Term 1805
Bertie County } The last will & Testament of James Hughes dec. was proved in open Court by the oath of Abr. Pinkham one of the subscribing witnesses. Ordered to be recorded.

George Gray Clk

Nov. 8th day 1802

In the name of God amen I David Lee being in a low state of health but of perfect & sound sense & memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body 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 first and principal I do leave my negro man by the name of Matthew to Sally Thomas during her natural life and after her death I do give the said negro to Henry Hunter Senr. to him and his heirs forever. 2ly I do give & bequeath to my friend Thomas Dillon 30 my land and dwelling that all the rest of my property be equally divided between Josephus Humphries Thomas Dillon & Sally Thomas

Witness
Lewis Lee
Henry Thomas

Executor is to pay unto Lewis Bennett by my Executor provided he is living on these parts & capable of purchasing my property. I do order that my executor be given by Henry Humphries according to my directions hereafter I do appoint & ordain my friend Henry Hunter Senr. my sole Executor hereby revoking all other and testaments in the presence

Witness
Henry Thomas
Henry Thomas

Lewis x his Lee (Seal)
mark

State of N. Carolina } May Term 1805
Bertie County } The last will & testament of David Lee dec. was proved in open Court by the oath of Henry Thomas one of the subscribing witnesses. Ordered to be recorded.

George Gray Clk

In the name of God amen I Humphry Hunter of the State of North Carolina & Bertie County do make and ordain this my last will & Testament 1st I give unto my Brother Lewis Hunter & unto my Sister Sally Lockman all my personal property of what nature or kind soever = unto my said brother Lewis Hunter the one I give the third of my said personal property unto my said Sister Sally Lockman I give the remaining third. I further will & order that all my just debts be paid I do hereby appoint my friend Edward L Hunter executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 4th day of October Anno Dom. 1804

Witness
Willie Chaney
J. Bennett

Humphry Hunter (Seal)

State of N. Carolina } May Term 1805
Bertie County } The last will and testament of Humphry Hunter dec. was proved in open Court by the oath of William Chaney one of the subscribing witnesses. Ordered to be recorded.

George Gray Clk

In the name of God amen I John Dolby being sound of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory made this my last will and testament to be my last will and testament in the manner and form following (to wit)

First I give my wife Elizabeth Dolby my horse furniture and feather beds and furniture, three cows & calf, three sows and pigs, and all the hogs running about the house at this time, my dining chairs and my pottery to her and her heirs forever. I further leave my wife free and during the term of natural life the benefit and use of the plantation I now live on excepting the part given away, my woman servant

Ever and by Assent,

Item I give and devise unto John Ashby five hundred acres of land adjoining the new line beginning at Andrew Wade's bridge and running a straight line by the house to the Brown branch, then down the Brown branch to Andrew Wade's branch then up Andrew Wade's branch to the first station to him his heirs and assigns forever —

Item I give and devise unto Henry Ashby two hundred acres of land on the river the upper part of the tract I now live on adjoining Thomas Wade on one side and on Jonathan Ashby and on another side and on another side and on another side and on another side to him his heirs and assigns forever —

Item I give and devise unto my daughter Martha Henry Ann Hudson Dowell to her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and devise unto my daughter Elizabeth Ashby all the land on the south side of the above bounded by the tract adjoining Jesse Wade's on one side and on another side and on another side and on another side to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and devise unto my daughter Sally Ashby all the remaining part of my tract of land where Jesse Dunnan now lives adjoining on the south side of the road on another side and on another side and on another side and on another side to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and devise unto my son in law George Moore and my daughter Jemima all the tract of land lying on the north side of the road adjoining my land adjoining lands of Solomon Ashby on one side and on another side and on another side and on another side to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give and devise unto my daughter Charity Ashby five hundred dollars on one side and on another side and on another side and on another side to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and devise unto Quilly Ashby (after her mother's death) the land and plantation where I now live except the part heretofore given away to my son Henry on one side and on another side and on another side and on another side to him and his heirs forever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the first day of January in the year of our Lord 1805

John Ashby (Seal)

Signed & Sealed in the presence of
Samuel Boone
Mich. McDowell

Another tract I now live on adjoining Jesse Wade's line on the south side of the road adjoining land of William Dowell I do hereby give and devise unto my Executor hereinafter named for the benefit of my Estate. The tract of land bought of Mr. R. Sparkman on four sides and land on four of 3 or 400 acres in the whole and another by adjoining Solomon Ashby and on Brown branch on four sides, another adjoining Brown branch, another four I bought of my brother George Ashby — the land I live on the East side of Richmond Dowell together with all the remaining part of my property personal and real (the tract where Jesse Dunnan resides excepted) to be sold by and in the discretion of my Executor in any manner either public or private as to them may seem best most to the advantage of my Estate. I have further given from time to time the tract he lives on my land two hundred yards of the line for the land to be sold at the time may be sold the remaining the part to be given, then manually divided between my children for the term of four years, and if to be sold to be sold by the discretion of my Executor and if any money and my debts and all my children. I have further given my Executor hereinafter to be named out of the property left to be sold left to be sold for all my just debts the remainder of money to be equally divided among my children. I have and appoint my friends William Dowell my son Henry Ashby and my son in law Mr. Thomas Executors of this my last will and Testament, declaring this and this only to be my last will, revoking all other heretofore made or wills by me at any time heretofore. Set this Eight day of January in the year of our Lord 1805

John Ashby (Seal)

Signed & Sealed in the presence of
Samuel Boone
Mich. McDowell

State of North Carolina } Lincoln County
Lincoln County } This day was the last will and Testament of John Ashby, deceased, proven in open court by the oath of Samuel Boone and Mich. McDowell the subscribing witnesses thereto to be recorded.

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I Richard Smith of Bertie County State of North Carolina being more inclined to keep house than to go from place to place and being desirous to make my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows viz

First I give my soul to almighty God trusting in hopes for a glorious Resurrection, I also recommend my body to its Mother Earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executor, and as touching such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and bequeath in the following manner and form

My will and desire is that all my Estate except Land & negroes be sold by my Executor at the death of my wife — that my funeral expenses be discharged out of the money arising from my sale — My will and desire is that my Land & negroes be divided as hereafter my wife Nancy on gives shall Enjoy from the use of my son Aaron Smith Bertie County and then of my son Aaron shall be a living the Heir of his body of all my property to Enjoy as long as she may think proper, but if any son Aaron shall die from that period then it all will be left over to the age of Twenty on gives my desire is that the yearly profits of all my Estate be paid annually to my Sister Ann Smith and her the intention of the Twenty on gives of a living then I will to have my Estate equally divided among the surviving children of my Sister Ann Smith with them I then wish and do ordain my Executor before the Expiration of the Twenty on gives to make Sister and Sister Children in all my will & that at the money is paid yearly received by next then shall be appropriated and Expended for the use of Free Schools at the discretion of my Executor then equal as the case may be.

I hereby Ordain & appoint my friend James Rogerson & William Brandt Executors of this my last will & Testament revoking all other wills by me heretofore made & hereby & therefore to be my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 13th day of Aug 1808

R. Smith (Seal)

Signed sealed & published and declared for a Will of
Lu Hyman
Lewis Powell
Chesley Lewis

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

The last will and Testament of Richard Smith dec. was proved in open court by the oath of Lewis Powell one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded

Geo. Gray Clk

In the Name of God Amen I Richard Smith of the State of North Carolina and County of Bertie being in perfect mind & memory to forgive & make and ordain this my last will & testament I give devise and dispose of in the following manner and form. First I lend to my Sister Mary Rhodes and to her heirs of her body lawfully begotten one hundred and one acres of land lying in Buckswamp land bounded by my Sister Mary Rhodes & by her & my Children & children living lawfully begotten of her body it is my will and desire that the said land be kept from them and their heirs lawfully begotten of their body forever — and for want of such I give and bequeath the above mentioned land unto William P. Gray & him and his heirs forever —

I lend & lend unto my Sister Mary Rhodes during her natural life the following negroes Tom & Dinah & her and her heirs forever lawfully begotten of her body and for want of such I give and bequeath the said negroes Tom & Dinah unto William P. Gray & him and his heirs forever — It is my will and desire that my tract of land lying on Mulberry branch adjoining Joseph Barnes land be sold to pay my debts.

I lend & give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Jones Fifty pounds current money of the State to be

and her heirs forever. It is my will and desire
for the remainder of my estate, which is not given
away by this Will, that it go into a sinking fund
my debts, if any my debts are paid, I give and
bequeath the remainder to my Sister Mary Rhodes
to have and to hold forever and I do hereby constitute
and ordain my trusty friend John A. Lyon
Executor of this my last Will and
Testament and do hereby utterly disavow and
disannul all and every other former Testaments,
Wills, Legacies and bequeaths and Executors by me
in any way 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 this
twenty second day of March in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and five

John A. Rhodes (Seal)

Signed sealed published pronounced and de-
clared by the said testator John A. Rhodes as his last
Will and Testament in the presence of us who
at his request

Allen Williams
his
Sally Mary Ann
mark

State of Tennessee
Bedford County } Aug. Term 1806.

The last Will & Testament of
John A. Rhodes deceased is offered in Court by
the oath of Charles Spence one of the subscribing
witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray Cl

In the name of God, Amen. I, John A. Rhodes of Bedford
County and State of Tennessee being sick & weak
in body but of sound mind & disposing memory & calling
to mind the Mortality of my body & knowing that it
is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain
this my last Will & Testament, in manner & form as follows
viz. (viz.) First I give my soul to Almighty God that
gave it & my body to the Earth to be buried in
Christian Decency. I give & recommend my body to the
Mother Earth to be interred at the discretion of my Executor
hereinafter mentioned. Touching such worldly estate as it
hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I will
be disposed of in the following manner & form my will &
desire is that all my debts shall be paid out of my estate
within Six Months after my decease and all the expenses
arising from a discharge made of my funeral
expenses and all my debts, the balance of the money
arising from the Sales of my estate to be placed
in the hands of my Executor for my daughter Nancy
Jones during her life & Lawful heirs of her body & the
whole of my Estate to be at her disposal & the
other heirs forever but in case Nancy should die
before of lawful age then my Estate to go in the
following form, viz. Sixty dollars in money that may
be found on the day Nancy that I have in the
power of my Executor in case of Nancy's death
before of lawful age the whole of my Es-
tate I give to the surviving daughters of my Sister
Chloe Hughes, Sally Hughes, Nancy Hughes & Ma-
ner Hughes each one Profession to be paid as they
come of age & if dead to go to the surviving Sis-
ters of them & their heirs forever. Lastly I nom-
inate & appoint my Trusty friend Amos Lyon
my whole Estate to Execute the true intent
& meaning of my last Will & Testament. I
hereby revoke all other Legacies & bequeaths
that are not to be my last Will & Testament. In
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

& Sec'd, for publishing Proving & Recording this my last will & Testament in presence of.

Robert Harris — Ashe Jones (Seal)

Cornelius X Lloyd
mark

State of Maryland } Aug. Term 1805.
Cecil County }

The last will & Testament of Ashe Jones dec'd was proved in Open Court by the oath of Robert Harris one of the subscribing witnesses, ordered to be recorded

George Gray Clk

In the Name of God Amen

I do acknowledge this to be my last will & Testament

I Give & bequeath unto my son Benjamin Ryan five Shillings lawful money

I Give & bequeath unto my son James Ryan five Shillings lawful money.

I Give & bequeath unto my son George & Ryan five Shillings lawful money

I Give & bequeath unto my daughter Nimrod Ryan one negro woman named Lucinda, one negro woman named Dinah, one negro man named Bill & the child named Margaret, and all my Land to be equally divided between them

I Give & bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Ryan one negro man named Jack, one negro woman named Jane, one negro girl named Cornelia, one horse & the household furniture

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved son George Ryan & his heirs the first

child that the above said negro woman named Dinah may have after paying out of my first debts I leave unto my daughters Nimrod Ryan & Elizabeth Ryan all the remainder of my property together with the rents which may be due for the rent of my Plantation at the time of my decease — I leave as my Executors & Executrix George & Ryan Nimrod Ryan & Elizabeth Ryan. Witness my hand & Seal this 21st day of May 1802

Witness
Benjamin Ryan
Geo. & Ryan

Elizabeth Ryan (Seal)

State of Maryland } Aug. Term 1805.
Cecil County }

The last will & Testament of Elizabeth Ryan dec'd was proved in Open Court by the oaths of George & Ryan and Benjamin Ryan the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I John Pender of the State of North Carolina and County of Bertie being in common good health, but knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will & Testament in manner and following viz: First I recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the earth, wishing it to be buried in a Christian like manner by my Executors hereafter named, and as touching my worldly goods I give and dispose

Item I give to my Brother William Pender my land — have at the time of my decease I

[illegible] to him & his heirs and assigns forever. Item I
bequeath my brother Elisha Pender negro man
named Cato I bequeath him his heirs and assigns
forever. Item I bequeath my brother Jeffer Pe-
ender negro man named Peter I bequeath him his
heirs and assigns forever. Item I bequeath my negro wo-
man Jenny to be hired out until my nephew
Thomas Bryan arrives to the age of twenty-one
years, then my executor will collect my outstanding
[illegible] together with the said negro woman
and hire out for the benefit of the said nephew
Thomas Bryan [illegible] to him the said
[illegible] Item I bequeath my
[illegible] the residue of
my estate [illegible] be held by
my executor [illegible] for paying my debts, the money coming from
the sale of the [illegible] will be considered
as a loan [illegible] paying debts, I wish that
my executor shall be [illegible] to collect
all the sums of money coming from the
sale of the will and [illegible] Estate which may
be left after paying debts before [illegible]
[illegible] of my Brothers [illegible]
[illegible] Item I
[illegible] the residue of my estate [illegible]
[illegible] sum of money [illegible]
[illegible] Item I
[illegible] said
[illegible] said
sum or sums of money [illegible] paid to
my nephew [illegible] and my niece Mary

Bryan, I bequeath them their heirs and assigns forever.
Lastly I nominate ordain constitute and appoint
my Brother Elisha Pender and my friend Joseph Jo-
dan Executors to this my last will and Testament
to see the same Executed according to the true intent
and meaning of the same and to the law of the State.
Hereby revoking all former wills with by me made,
allowing this and the only to be my last Will and
Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty-first
day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand
Eight hundred and Six

Signed Sealed in
the presence of us
Nottingham Mann
Stanton Mann

John Pender (Seal)

State of North Carolina
Pertie County

Nov Term 1806

The last Will and Testa-
ment of John Pender dec'd was produced in open Court
by the oath of Stanton Mann one of the subscribing
witnesses and ordered to be recorded

George Gray CM

In the name of God Amen I David Coffield of the State of North Carolina and County of Bertie being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory (Blessed be God) do this twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and fifty nine and perfect this my last Will and Testament in manner following (viz) I give and bequeath to my Son Benjamin Coffield my negro woman Lucy by him freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever. Item I give and bequeath to my Son John Coffield my negro girl named Esther and also the sum of Two Hundred Dollars by him freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever. Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Coffield during her natural life and at her death my land and all my other property to be equally divided between my Son Benjamin Coffield and John Coffield by them freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever. Item I give and bequeath to my Son John Coffield one horse which he shall choose after my wife has made her choice of one horse and choose I also bequeath to my Son John Coffield by him freely to be possessed forever. Item I give and bequeath to my Son John Coffield by him freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever. Item and lastly I do nominate and appoint my Son John Coffield my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby revoke and annul all and every other former Wills or bequeathes by me in any way made, declaring 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

David Coffield (Seal)

Signed Sealed and declared
delivered by the said
David Coffield as his last
Will and Testament in
presence of us
Joseph Stone, John Tyler, Sabra her + mark Jones

State of North Carolina, Bertie County, Nov Term 1860.

The last Will & Testament of David Coffield deceased was offered in open Court by the oath of John Tyler one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

George Gregory

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