

In the name of God amen. I Thomas Baker of the State of New Hampshire in the County of Boston being ⁱⁿ sound mind and body but of feeble mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I Give and recommend my Soul to God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried ^{in decent Christian burial} at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching all worldly estate wherewith I have pleased God to bless me in this life I Give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form—

First I Give unto my daughter Mary Opley one Negro Girl named Rachel to her her heirs and assigns forever

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

Thirdly I Give unto my son Levy Baker one pound and one shilling to him his heirs and assigns forever—

Fourthly I Give unto my Grandson Levy Baker Son of John Baker deceased fifty pounds to be raised and levied out of my Estate to him his heirs and assigns forever—

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

Sixthly I Give unto my Grandchildren the Sons and Daughters of James Baker deceased to wit William Baker

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

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

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

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

Tenethly and lastly I Appoint and ordain William Wherry ~~Leahy~~ William Morris my Son Blake Baker Executors of this my last Will and Testament utterly revoking dissolving and making void all other former will or wills by me made In Witness whereof I the said Thomas Baker have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of December one thousand seven hundred and ninety five signed sealed published pronounced and delivered in the presence of
James Baranick
Elizabeth Lucas

Thomas Baker ^{senr} 

Sarah ^{Widow} Barcadale

State of North Carolina, Year Term 1798
 Bertie County } The last will and
 Testament of Thomas Baker and was proved in
 open Court by the oaths of James Barcadale
 and Elizabeth Linn the two subscribing
 witnesses and ordered to be recorded

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen, I William Blutewood Senr. of the
 State of North Carolina and County of Bertie planter, being of
 perfect mind and memory, do constitute and ordain this
 my last will and Testament, Inist of all I bid my soul
 to the mighty God, to be buried in decent
 Christian burial at the discretion of my Executor herein
 after named, and as to my worldly estate, I dispose
 of it in the following manner, viz—

I will and positively order that as soon as may be my
 debts may be paid—

I give & bequeath to my son William Blutewood one
 bed and furniture which he has already received—

I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Stanton one
 bed and furniture which she has already received—

I give and bequeath to my son John Blutewood one bed
 and furniture which he has already received—

I give & bequeath to each of my other children one bed
 and furniture apiece, that is to say, my sons Henry &
 Ashley & my daughters Susanna, Mary, Elizabeth, and
 Penelope—

I give and bequeath to my sons Henry and Ashley my
 land & plantation whereon I now live, to be divided be-
 tween them in the following manner, Beginning at
 a sparcinond tree in John Nicholls's line, thence a strai-
 ght course to the south side or edge of a stack that
 makes out of Bucklesbury's possession, then down the

south side or edge of a stack to the edge of said possession,
 then running a line into the possession, to the line or ditch
 Ashburd's line, so as to equally divide the possession land
 between them, my son Henry to have that part on which
 his house stands, and my son Ashley to have the part
 whereon my house now stands— And it is my will &
 desire that if either of my sons Henry or Ashley should die
 without heirs of their body lawfully begotten, that his or
 their land should be equally divided between my sons
 William and John—

I send to well beloved wife Elizabeth all the rest and
 remaining part of my estate during her natural life
 or widowhood, and it is my will & desire that she should
 live with her family where I now live during her life
 or widowhood—

I give all the rest and remaining part of my estate that
 is not given away already to be equally divided between
 my sons William and John, and my daughters Susanna,
 Mary, Ann, Elizabeth, & Penelope after their mother's de-
 cease, or marriage to them & their heirs forever—

I hereby constitute and appoint my sons
 William Blutewood and John Blutewood, Executors, and
 my well beloved wife Elizabeth Blutewood, Executrix of
 this my last will & Testament, utterly revoking all former
 wills & testaments, and confirming this to be my
 last will & Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal this seventh day of February Anno Domini 1798.
 Signed, sealed, declared and William Blutewood (Senr.)
 pronounced in presence of

Wm. P. Hardy

Edmond Blutewood

State of North Carolina

Bertie County

February Term 1799.

The last will and Testament of William Blutewood Senr.
 was proved in open Court by the oath of William P. Hardy
 one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen I William Thompson of the County of Berke and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be to the Almighty God and being to mind the mortality of man kind and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die doth make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (To wit)

I Give and bequeath unto my brother Noah Thompson his heirs and assigns forever one half of my land lying and being in South Carolina and on the South Side of the Water river State Give and bequeath unto my said brother Noah Thompson his heirs and assigns forever the following negroes Old Dick and Yranda Dick Stone Sophia Leah Sady Selay Peter Charles Chay and their future increase —

I Give and bequeath unto my brother Arthur Thompson his heirs and assigns forever the other half of my land lying in South Carolina and on the Water river

I Give and bequeath unto Noah Thompson (aforesaid one negro man named Willis only the said Noah Thompson is to pay said Arthur Thompson two hundred dollars) —

I Give and bequeath unto Hezekiah Thompson son of my brother Arthur Thompson the following negroes Selma, Potiamer David and their future increase if he arrives to the age of twenty one years and if the aforesaid Hezekiah Thompson (his under) the age of twenty one years old and does not lawfully begotten of his body I Give and bequeath the aforesaid three negroes Selma, Potiamer and David they and their future increase unto William Thompson Reuben Thompson sons of Noah Thompson unto them their heirs and assigns forever —

I Give and bequeath unto my brother Hezekiah Thompson his heirs and assigns forever twenty Spanish mill dollars —

I Give and bequeath unto my brother Lewis Thompson his heirs and assigns forever twenty mill

dollars —

I Give and bequeath unto my brother Thomas Thompson his heirs and assigns forever twenty mill dollars —

I Give and bequeath unto my two said brothers Noah Thompson Arthur Thompson their heirs and assigns forever all the remainder of my estate after paying my just debts and thereby I make and ordain my brother Noah Thompson and Noah Norton executors of this my last will and Testament

In witness whereof I the said William Thompson have hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last will and Testament this twenty third day of July 1792

Signed sealed & delivered

In presence of us

Noah Norton

Jose Averet

Wm. Boare

William Thompson
mark

State of N. Carolina } May Term 1799
Berke County }

Jury impanelled and sworn say that the paper introduced is the last will and Testament of William Thompson deceased and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray cll

I Edward Bryan of the County of Burke & State of North Carolina being totall of body but of perfect mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner following viz-

Item I Give and bequeath to my sister Martha Bryan one negro man slave named Sander, one feather bed, and furniture one linen wheel one set stock buckle one family Bible -

Item I Give and bequeath to my sister Jinnel Pugh one negro woman named Bird and one negro girl named Naney with their increase hereafter -

Item I Give and bequeath to my nephew Edward Bryan one negro girl named Mary -

Item I Give and bequeath to my nephew West Reed one negro boy named Harry -

Item I Give and bequeath to my nephew Edward Bryan one set of negro boy named Bob bequeathed to me by my sister Elizabeth Bryan also my silver shoe knee and stock buckle -

Item I Give and bequeath to my nephew Edward Bryan one set of negro boy named Jerry also one silver stock buckle one pair silver knee buckles one gold brooch and part of my wearing apparel -

Item I Give and bequeath to my nephew Durant Reed one negro boy named Leach -

Item I leave in trust of my Executors hereafter named two hundred pounds to be raised out of my estate to be paid at Interest, and the Interest thereof to be given to my sister Sarah Baker Annually during her natural life and in case her husband Thomas Baker should die before her my desire is that in that case she immediately have both principal and Interest to be disposed of as she may think proper and in case her said husband should survive her I desire that the above mentioned money be disposed of amongst her children Susanna Martha Elizabeth Sarah and Mary Baker in equal degree. Also I give in trust to my Executors for my said sister Sarah Baker one

negro man named Agnes one feather bed and furniture one wooden wheel one pair gold shoe buttons to be at her disposal independent of her husband Thomas Baker -

Item I Give and bequeath to my friend Thomas Whitmill Pugh my silver watch chain key and seal as a token of my friendship -

Item I have a daughter in this State illegitimate to daughter named Aggy the property of Samuel Francis Barron & Elizabeth Barron since married but name not recollected (Minors) orphan of David Barron decd. it is my will and desire that my Executors purchase her freedom out of the sales and that they endeavour to have an act of the General Assembly of this State passed in her favour for her emancipation and that the sum of ten pounds be given her out of my estate when set at liberty -

Item I Give after my debts are paid and all my intention fulfilled to my sisters Martha Bryan and Jinnel Pugh two thirds of the residue of my estate not already bequeathed in equal degree and the one third part to be deposited in the hands of my Executors for the better support of my sister Sarah Baker and her children -

Lastly I nominate and appoint my worthy friends Thomas Whitmill Pugh, George Durant Reed, Thomas Bryan and Jonathan Jones the Executors to this my last will and Testament revoking all others.

In Witness whereof I the said Edward Bryan have hereunto set my hand and seal this the second day of May One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine -

Item I Give and bequeath to my sister Sarah Baker my Charges against her in my private books -

Item I Give and bequeath to my friend George Durant Reed my saddle, saddle cloth, stirrups and bridle.

Signed & sealed & delivered
in presence of us -

Wm. Benson
Sam. Leake

E. Bryan

I Edward Bryan of the County of Ards & State of North Carolina being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner following. viz-

Item I Give and bequeath to my sister Martha Bryan One negro man slave named Sander, One feather bed, and furniture One衾衾 wheel One set of stock buckles One family Bible—

Item I Give and bequeath to my sister Faniel Pugh One negro woman named Girl and one negro girl named Nanny with their dresses hereafter—

Item I Give and bequeath to my son of legal age and Bryan Reed One negro Girl named Dancy—

Item I Give and bequeath to my nephew West Reed One negro boy named Henry—

Item I Give and bequeath to my nephew Edward Bryan and a negro boy named Bob bequeathed to me by my sister Elizabeth Bryan. Also my silver shoe knee and stock buckles—

Item I Give and bequeath to my nephew Edward Bryan Baker One negro boy named Jerry, also One silver stock buckle One pair silver knee buckles One gold brooch and part of my wearing of pearls—

Item I Give and bequeath to my nephew Durant Reed One negro boy named Cash—

Item I leave in trust of my Executors hereafter named, two hundred pounds to be raised out of my estate to be paid at Interest, and the Interest thereof to be given to my sister Sarah Baker Annually during her natural life and in case her husband Thomas Baker should die before her my desire is that in that case she immediately have both principal and Interest to be disposed of as she may think proper and in case her said husband should survive her I desire that the above mentioned money be disposed of amongst her children Susanna, Martha, Elizabeth, Sarah and Mary Baker in equal degree. Also I give in trust to my Executors for my said sister Sarah Baker One

negro man named Agnes One feather bed and furniture One wooden wheel One pair gold shoe buttons to be at her disposal independent of her husband Thomas Baker—

Item I Give and bequeath to my friend Thomas Whitwell One my silver watch, chain, key and seal, as a token of my friendship—

Item I have a newborn in this State an illegitimate daughter named Aggy the property of Samuel Graves Barron, & Elizabeth Barron since married but name not recollected, (Minor) / children of David Barron deceased it is my will and desire that my Executors purchase her freedom out of the sales and that they endeavour to have an Act of the General Assembly of this State passed in her favour for her emancipation and that the sum of ten pounds be given her out of my estate when set at liberty—

Item I Give after my debts are paid, as will my intention be paid to my sisters Martha Bryan and Faniel Pugh two thirds of the residue of my estate not already bequeathed in equal degree and the one third part to be deposited in the hands of my Executors for the better support of my sister Sarah Baker and her children—

Lastly I nominate and appoint my worthy friends Thomas Whitwell Pugh, George Durant Reed, Thomas Bryan and Jonathan Jacobs Executors to this my last will and Testament revoking all others.

In Witness whereof I the said Edward Bryan have hereunto set my hand and seal this the second day of May One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine—

Item I Give and bequeath to my sister Sarah Baker my charges against her in my private books—

Item I Give and bequeath to my friend George Durant Reed my Saddle, Saddle cloth, Saddle and bridle.

Signed & sealed & delivered
in presence of us—

Wm. Benson
John Leake

E. Bryan

State of Maryland / May Term 1799
 Baltimore

The last will & testament of Edward
 Bryan dead was proved in open Court by the oath of
 Benjamin Cooke one of the subscribing witnesses and
 ordered to be recorded.

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen

I Thomas Segitt of the State of Maryland & the
 County of Baltimore being weak in body but sound in
 mind & memory coming to mind the mortality of
 my body knowing it is appointed for man to die
 do make and ordain this my last will & testament.

First I bequeath my soul to God to be kept & my
 body to the dust & when it shall come to be decaying
 interred according to the direction of my Executors.

Item I bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret the
 her natural life a certain tract or parcel of land where
 I now live bounded and bounded as follows beginning in
 my back line on the South side of my land then run-
 ning a direct course to the cross fence (which leads from
 my dwelling house) a South course to the woods then
 along the said fence from the woods to the lot fence
 back of the kitchen then running with the lot fence to
 the Spring or Rock spring then up the said
 spring my line to my corner thence along my line &
 then a bearing & distance thence along my corner
 and William Rhodes thence along mine and Pollard's
 line of fence to the above mentioned cross fence a
 South course from said fence which will be the first be-
 ginning of the boundaries of said land the same contain-
 ing one hundred and twenty acres more or less
 with all houses, orchards and advantages thereunto
 belonging.

Item I bequeath to my beloved wife one negro woman by the
 name of Phillis to her and her heirs forever as my single living
 chattel &c.

Item I bequeath and bequeath to my two sons Jonathan and
 Thomas Segitt all my land and the improvements to be equally
 divided according to quantity & quality to them and their heirs
 forever.

Item I bequeath to my son Jonathan Segitt one negro boy
 black him and his heirs forever.

Item I bequeath to my son Thomas Segitt one negro boy black
 to him and his heirs forever.

My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate of
 every kind whatsoever be equally divided between my
 beloved wife Margaret & my two sons Jonathan & Thomas
 Segitt to them and their heirs forever.

I hereby empower my Executors hereafter named with the
 full power to hire, rent, buy or sell either at public or pri-
 vate sale any part of my property as he shall think ne-
 cessary for the advantage of my estate.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my truly friend Aaron
 Spring Special Executor to this my last will & testament
 making and discharging all debts by me heretofore made
 In Witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand & seal
 this 30th day of April in the year of our Lord 1799.

Thus

David Taylor

Rev. Rhodus

Elizabeth Segitt

To B My will and desire is in case either of the above
 mentioned negroes (Phillis & Isaac) who I have given to
 my two sons Jonathan & Thomas should die before
 they come of the age of twenty one years that the loss
 shall be made up to the poorer out of my estate.

Witness the presence of Thos. Segitt (Seal)

David Taylor

Rev. Rhodus

Elizabeth Segitt

State of North Carolina, May Term 1799.

In the County of _____

The Last will and Testament of Thomas Seitz died with a codicil annexed as proved in open Court by the oath of David Taylor one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Seitz of the State of North Carolina and County of _____ being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this thirty first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following that is to say— First I bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Seitz the land and plantation whereon I now live during her widowhood provided she shall not suffer any fines to be levied nor any tax to be burnt on any land except for her own families use also I bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Seitz five cows and calves and three small steers and one small heifer during her widowhood or until my daughter marry or come to the age of eighteen years also I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Seitz one furnished bed and furniture by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed I also lend to my beloved wife Mary Seitz all and every other article of my whole estate except my cattle during her widowhood or until my daughter marry or come to the age of eighteen years I give and bequeath to my daughter Panny Seitz the land and plantation whereon I now live to her her heirs and assigns forever—

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Panny Seitz one negro boy by the name of Luke and one negro girl by the name of Jenny by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever further it is my will and desire that if my daughter Panny Seitz should die without her lawfully begotten of her body that then all

my whole estate which is given to her at my perfect marriage or death I give it to be equally divided between all the children of my brother Joshua Seitz and all the children of my sister Elizabeth Warrell sharing to each one alike by them fully to be possessed and enjoyed forever.

Lastly I do hereby make and ordain my friend Joseph Stone of this County my whole and sole executor of of this my last will and Testament

And witness tokens of the said Samuel Seitz have hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last will and Testament the day and year above written—

Signed Sealed Published Samuel Seitz (Seal)
and declared by the said Samuel Seitz his last will and Testament in the presence of us

Reuben P. Dunning
William P. Dunning
Elijah Howard &

State of North Carolina, May Term 1799

In the County of _____

The Last will & Testament of Samuel Seitz deceased proved in open Court by the oath of Mary Stone Dunning one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded—

George Gray III

State of North Carolina

In the County of _____

In the name of God, Amen, I John Pierce of the State & County aforesaid, being weak in body, but of perfect mind & memory, do constitute and ordain this my last will and Testament; In witness whereof I give & bequeath my soul to Almighty God, bequeathing his most Gracious acceptance of it, & my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named;— And as to my worldly estate I will dispose

of, in the following manner, viz:—

First, I give & bequeath in order, that as soon as may be all my estate &—

Nextly, I give & bequeath to my loving sister Charity Mitchell (wife of William Mitchell) one hundred pounds currency, to be paid her as soon as may be after my decease, to her, her heirs, & assigns forever.

Item I give to my loving sister Elizabeth Helmons (widow of George Helmons) one hundred pounds currency, to be paid her as soon as may be after my decease, to her, her heirs, & assigns forever.

Item I bequeath to my dear & loving wife Mary, all the rest & remaining part of my estate, both real & personal, during her widowhood, to her natural life, and after her, my said wife Mary's marriage or death, I give and bequeath to my said wife's daughter, Jennett Phyllace, all that part of my estate that I have lent to my said wife Mary, to her the said Jennett, her heirs, and assigns forever.

Item, lastly, I constitute, & appoint my Brother in law John Senter, & my friend George West, Executors, & my dear & loving Mary Executrix, of this my last will and Testament, utterly revoking & disannulling, all former wills or wills, ratifying this and no other to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 27th day of April 1799—

Signed, sealed, Read and John Pierce
pronounced in presence of,

1st P. Hecard

Jesse Hookum

State of Maryland, May Term 1799

Bertie County

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

George Gray M

In the name of God Amen I John Percin of Bertie County & State of North Carolina being very sick & weak in body but in perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto God, turning unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament; that is to say, first, I give and first of all, I give & recommend my soul unto the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate where-with it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner, to wit:—

Item First I give & bequeath to my son William Percin one tract of land lying in Bertie County one hundred acres more or less adjoining the lands of David Stone Jr. Michael Quinch & Joseph Thomas also one negro boy Solomon I give three year's sold & conveyance to him his heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son William Percin one tract of land lying in Bertie County one Rocking Island adjoining the lands of Jesse Sizmore, John Sizmore & Joseph Collins containing sixty acres more or less like one negro man named Kate also two cows & calves which he has in his possession to him his heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary Hamaday & Judy White one negro woman named Rithers & her increase to be equally divided between them, and their heirs to them & their heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary Percin one negro boy named Hampton one feather bed & furniture two cows & calves; to her & her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Easter

I am one negro girl named Boney also one parson
bed & furniture & also two cows and calves to her
heir & assign^{or} over —

I am & my wife and desire that all the residue of
my property after paying my just debts and my funeral
expenses that I have not already given away shall be
sold and equally divided among all my children

So I do constitute make and ordain my son James
Ciram & Joseph Ciram my sole executors of this my last
will and Testament and I do hereby ratify, confirm
revoke and annul all and every other former testa-
ments wills bequest & executors by me in any wise be-
fore named wills & bequeathed; ratifying this we
know & shew to be my last will and Testament in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
eighteenth day of February one thousand seven hun-
dred and ninety nine

Signed Sealed, published, pronounced
and declared by the said John Ciram
in his last will and Testament in the
presence of us who in his presence
and in the presence of each other
have hereunto subscribed our names

William Howell

Thomas Howell

State of North Carolina, May Term 1799

Fertile County

The last will and Testament of John Ciram dec^d
was proved in open Court by the Oaths of William Howell
and Thomas Howell the two subscribing witnesses and
ordered to be recorded.

George Hays Ill

In the name of God Amen.

I Jesse Averett of the State of North Carolina and the County
of Onslow being low in heart but sound in mind and memory
calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is
appointed for man to die do make and ordain this my last
will & testament —

First I commit my body to the church from whence it
came to be decently buried according to the direction of my
executors & my soul to God who gave it —

I do unto my beloved wife Mary during her natural
life the man^r & plantation whereon I now live containing
two hundred & sixty six acres more or less being the plan-
tation given to me by my Grand father Henry Averett —
Also I do unto her her share of the following negroes viz
Jacob & his wife Aggy her children Henry, Abraham, Joe
& Boney also a negro woman by the name of Mary
their increase — Also I give unto my beloved wife Mary
that her share of my stock — Also six cows & calves
her share of my stock, also six sows & pigs, one third of
my sheep, my double reeking shears & shear, twenty five
barrels of Indian Corn, twelve hundred weight of flour,
two feather beds & furniture her share. Finally I give unto
my wife all my household & kitchen furniture of what
soever kind except those on my plantation except
also one half dozen of table & one of tea silver spoons &
the feather beds that are not mentioned. Also one fourth
of my plantation tools —

I Give and bequeath to my son Jesse Averett all my
land and plantations both high and low that are now
to him and his heirs forever —

I Give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth one
half dozen table & half dozen silver tea spoons to her & her
heirs forever

I Give and bequeath to my two children Jesse & Elizabeth
to them and their heirs forever to be divided at the
time my daughter Elizabeth shall arrive to the age of
twenty one years or at her marriage the following negroes
(viz) old Jacob, Hannah, Bet, Simon, Dora, Will, Adam,

Abigail, Alice, Sam, Rachel, Mary, Jacob, Henry, Nancy, Mary, Henry, Rachel, Henry, and I having they and their wives for ever - take those I have lent to my wife; my will and desire is that after her death they and their issue shall be equally divided between my two children as above - Also I have unto my s^d children all the rest of my estate of whichsoever kind to be equally divided at the time above mentioned to them & their heirs forever -

My will and desire is that my executor hereafter mentioned shall be at liberty to dispose of his thinke proper by sale or otherwise private or publick as he shall find expedient the following negroes / viz / old Jacob, Hannah, Adam & Bet - Also that the money arising from the sale of the above negroes be applied to the use of ^{purchase of} land for my son Jesse and also to make use of any other money belonging to my estate that can be found that my executor have full power to bargain for or land & take every necessary step to make payment for the same out of my estate & to secure the right of the land thus purchased to my son Jesse for to be his & his heirs forever - And in case the land above mentioned should be purchased my desire is the half of the purchased money be paid to my daughter Elizabeth out of my son Jesse's estate with interest from the time of payment for said land -

I further empower my executor to work my negroes on my land for the benefit of my children or hire them out or rent my land as he shall think most advantageous to my estate also the income of my estate to be equally divided between my two children Jesse & Elizabeth at the time of the division of the rest except what shall arise from the land purchased by my executor for my son Jesse - And that each of my children shall bear an equal part of the expenses which shall arise therefrom until the division -

Lastly I nominate and appoint my trusty friend Aaron Spivey sole executor to this my last will & testament revoking all others by me heretofore made witness unto I set my hand & seal this fourth day of October

one thousand seven hundred & ninety eight
Signed in the presence of Jesse Averil
Noah Thompson
Mr. Bryan
Sarah Spivey

Whereas I have not made mention in the preceding part of my will what shall be done with my estate in case my two children as above mentioned shall die without lawful issue my will and desire is in case they do both die without issue lawfully begotten of their bodies that all the property that shall have been theirs in or in case they had lived shall go to the use of my wife for as long as she shall live and their heirs forever to be equally divided amongst them -

Signed by me
Mr. Bryan
Sarah Spivey
Noah Thompson

Jesse Averil

Whereas I have in the former part of my will only lent to my beloved wife a negro woman by the name of Denny & also from her and out lately I presume she may be very troublesome to my wife - My will & desire is my wife shall dispose of said Denny as she may think proper & may the money arising therefrom as she shall choose as her own right & property forever & in case I should dispose of said negro Denny in my own life time that my s^d wife shall be to enjoy the profits arising from the same as her own right & property forever

My will & desire is also my executor above mentioned shall raise out of my estate & deliver to my s^d wife thirty pounds sterling currency to be hers & her heirs forever Assigned with my own hand this fourth day of April in the year of our Lord 1799

Test
Mr. Rhodes
Elizabeth Rhodes
Mr. Bryan

Jesse Averil

State of N. Carolina / May Term 1797

Certified County

The last will and testament of Jesse Howell dec'd with
ordinals annexed was produced in open court by the oath
of William Bryan one of the subscribing witnesses and
ordered to be recorded —

George Gray III

In the name of God amen I Noah Thomson of the
County of Bertie and State of North Carolina being sick &
afflicted with a decaying frame but being of perfect sense & mem-
ory do make this my last will & Testament in manner &
form as follows to wit I Give and bequeath unto my
wife Batharine Thomson her heirs & assigns forever one
negro man named — named Jim one negro woman named
grace Edey one negro girl named Mel one negro child named
Rachel Thom I Give unto my wife Batharine Thomson
during her widowhood one negro fellow named Rubin
Thib Rose Child then I Give & bequeath unto my Daugh-
ter Charity Thomson her heirs & assigns forever the above
s^d lent negroes I then I Give unto my wife Batharine
Thomson two hundred acres of land in Martin County
that I bought of William Swirett during her natural
life, I then I Give the above said land to my son
Rubin Thompson during his natural life except he the s^d
Rubin Thompson has a child lawfully begotten of his body,
then I Give and bequeath the above s^d land to him the
s^d Rubin Thompson his heirs Exors Adms & assigns fore-
ever I then I Give unto my wife Batharine Thomson
forty acres of land in the manner plantation where I
lived during her widowhood then I Give & bequeath to
my son William Thomson his heirs Exors Adms &
assigns forever the above forty acres of land I then
I Give & bequeath unto my son William Thomson
Sarah Thomson & Charity Thomson the following negroes
Peter, Nell Abby Edey Luke Tom Lip Dick Nathan
Venus Sadock Vork Jude Jacob Loney, Sharper

Samuel Dominick Moses Jim Ben William Moley Little Jacob
Jack Moley Nan Pompey Harry Sarah old Beniff and all
their increase forever to them their heirs Exors Adms & assigns
to be divided equally between them share & share alike I then I
Give and to my son Rubin Thomson during his natural life the
following negroes Dary Winney Sam Rose old Jack Rachel
young James Hardy Ned Peg Jim except the s^d Rubin
Thomson should have a child lawfully begotten of his body
then I Give & bequeath the above negroes to him the s^d Ru-
bin Thomson his heirs Exors Adms & assigns forever but
if the s^d Rubin Thompson should die without a heir the
above negroes I Give & bequeath to my son William
Thomson Sarah Thomson & Charity Thomson to them their
heirs Exors Adms & assigns forever to be divided equally
between them share & share alike I then I Give & bequeath
to my son William Thomson all my lands in Bertie County
and State afores^d to him his heirs Exors Adms & assigns
forever except forty acres that I lent to my wife Batharine
Thomson during her widowhood that to go to Mr. Thomson
his heirs & assigns forever I then I Give to my son Rubin
Thomson all my lands in Martin County and State
afores^d during his natural life except two hundred acres
I lent to my wife Batharine Thomson during her life, if
the said Rubin Thomson should have a child lawfully
begotten of his body then I Give and bequeath all the above
land to him the s^d Rubin Thompson his heirs & assigns
forever, then if the s^d Rubin Thompson should die without
a child lawfully begotten of his body then I Give & bequeath
all the above fore^s land to my son William Thomson
to him his heirs Exors & assigns forever I then my
land in South Carolina to be sold by my Exors and the
money be divided equally between my son William
Thomson Sarah Thomson Charity Thomson & Rubin Thom-
son their heirs & assigns forever share & share alike
I do reserve two thousand dollars in the hands of my
Exors to purchase land by them for my son Rubin
Thomson which land when purchased I Give to my
son Rubin Thomson during his natural life but if

that I (Robert Thomson) should have, at his decease, be got-
ten of his body then I live and bequeath the afore-
said land to the said Robert Thomson his heirs Exor. Admors & assigns
forever I live & bequeath to my wife Catharine Thom-
son five hundred dollars at his decease in Martin County
by the Exor. on the land I then live I live to my daugh-
ter Sarah Thomson two hundred & fifty dollars —

I live & bequeath to my son Wm Thomson Sarah
Thomson & Robert Thomson all my debts and money that
remains to them their & assigns forever I live & be-
queath to my son Wm Thomson one mare called Little One
mare called Kuffe mare a colt by the name of mount
to him the said Wm Thomson his heirs & assigns forever I live
I live & bequeath to my wife Catharine Thomson one
house called Gully house one house called Old mount
ten cows & calves forever I live & bequeath to my
daughter Sarah Thomson ten cows & calves forever I live
to my son Wm Thomson ten cows & calves forever I live
all the rest of my estate to be equally between my wife Cath-
arine Thomson Wm Thomson, Sarah Thomson, Robert
Thomson Auburn Thomson forever to be divided between
them equal share and share alike Lastly I nominate
constitute and appoint my son William Thomson John
Taylor Executors to this my last will and Testament I
do hereby revoke and disannul all other wills heretofore
made by me in witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & seal this Eleventh day of Febry 1799
Signed Sealed in presence of Noah Thompson (Seal)
of me —

Levi Bond
William Perkins
Samuel Sharlock

State of Maryland } May Term 1799.
Bertie County } That in the Testament of Robert
Thompson dec'd was proved in open Court by the oath of William
Perkins one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.
George Gray Jll

The Manifest, Familial Seal, Nam / See brief. Continues —

For as much as the last scene of life seems to be dawning on,
and the curtain ready to fall; I think it prudent, before
I make my final exit off the stage, to know I have sometime
acted to dispose of the few trifles fortune has bequeathed me,
in manner following. To wit

Imprimis — I live and bequeath to my two Daughters,
Martha and Rachel, all and every part of my property
whatever to be equally divided between them, and to their
lawful heirs forever. On the demise of either, before im-
powered to make a will, the surviving sister inherits the
whole. Should both decease, before the laws be enacted
to will, then, my my remaining property to be wholly con-
verted to educating the poor children within the Counties
of Norfolk and Bertie; under such regulations as
my Executors shall think fit. My body I bequeath to the
earth, whence it originated. My Soul, immortal, and
undelayed to rest, I commend to the Father of Mercies —
The many, masculine voice of Orthodoxy is no longer
heard in our land. — Say, therefore, from my grave be
the souls of Rant of Whining Antiquarian; her hatred and
successful rival — Cant and Burnace Dickerson the
dead, as well as Disgrace the living. — Let the monitor
within, who never deceives, alone pronounce my funeral
Oration; whilst some Friendly hand Deposits my poor
remains below by the Ashes of my beloved Daughter Elis-
abeth, with whom I trust to share a happy Eternity. —
And of this my last will and Testament I constitute
and appoint Leapt^r George West, George Cushman, Esq.
and Mr. Edward Cushman, my Executors. — On whose
Probity, Honor, and Disinterested Friendship, I entirely
rely for the faithful Discharge of the trust I repose
in them. — Blessing them, as they would approve them-
selves to him who is the Father of the Fatherless, to use all
possible means of inspiring my children with a love
of virtue, and an abhorrence of vice. — Restraint them
from all pleasures and persons dangerous to their virtue or

Innocency - Giving them an education to their rank
in life suitable and becoming - Let their books, and their
needs be their principal companions and employ - I
would wish the laws enabled me to do more for my
literate and unfortunate slaves than that of recom-
mending them to lenity and mild treatment -

Be to their faults a little kind -

Be to their virtues ever kind -

Berke, Apr. 4. 1795

Sign'd and deliver'd
in the presence of us

John Alexander

State of N. Carolina, Aug. Term 1799

Berke County

Jury impannelled and sworn
say that the paper introduced is the last will and
testament of John Alexander dec'd and ordered to
be recorded -

George Gray III

In the name of God amen, I Perry Tyler of Berke
County being asked how of health and of sound
disposing mind and memory do constitute and
ordain this my last will and testament in manner
as following to wit

I send I Give and bequeath to Rutley Hollowell
my daughter of Berke County she and her heirs
forever one negro male by the name of Amey she
and all her increase which I have hitherto giving
by delivery by hand before Lewis Thompson of
Berke County for the said negro Amey to be the
said Rutley Hollowell wife and heirs also I Give
one bed and furniture and shed and one trunk
and all the below thereon -

I send I Give and bequeath to my nephew Perry
Tyler he and his son of St. James Tyler all my land
in Hertford County which my father lent to my

mother and land for life and after her death to be mine -

I send I Give my will and desire for all the remainder
of my estate that I have not already willed away for to be
sold at public sale by my Executors and for them to pay
at my just debts out of it and the balance after my just
debts is paid it is my will and desire for my nephew Perry
Tyler to have it he and his heirs I do appoint my true
loyal friends Lewis Thompson and Arthur Hollowell my
Executors of this my last will and testament I do desire
by them to revoke utterly all ways all other wills and tes-
taments by heretofore made confirming this to be my last
will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this 28th of July 1799 -
Signed Sealed and pronounced by the said Perry Tyler
before us

Witness
Sam. Rhoades
Lewis Thompson
Arthur Hollowell

Perry Tyler

State of N. Carolina, Nov. Term 1799

Berke County

Jury impannelled and sworn say that the paper
introduced is the last will and testament of Perry Tyler
dec'd and ordered to be recorded -

George Gray III

In the name of God amen, I Noble the sheriff of
Berke County and State of N. Carolina being asked
and in body but of sound and disposing mind
thanks be unto God for the same, calling to mind the
mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appoin-
ted for all men once to die do make and ordain
this my last will and testament in manner and form
following I Give and bequeath unto my daughter

Sally Coffield one negro woman named Seth one negro
boy named Daniel.

Item I Do and bequeath unto my son John Coffield
one negro woman named Seth one negro boy named
Heose.

Item I Do and bequeath unto my daughter Sally
Coffield two negro boys named Asith & Charles &
George.

Item I Do and bequeath unto my son John Coffield
one negro woman & her child named Asith & Amish
& Randolph.

Item I Do and bequeath unto my brother Samp-
son Coffield my Sars & Pence.

Item He my will and desire that my brother
Sampson Coffield to keep all that I have already
given away and that I have not given away to
support my two children but if my brother Samp-
son Coffield does not let as my Executors think proper
for them to take the property out of his hands by my
Executors and my children to have three negroes as
they come of age and all my just debts to be paid out
of my property that is not given away.

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my
brothers Sampson Coffield and David Coffield
Executors to this my last will & Testament and I
do hereby declare, revoke and make void all
other wills, bequests and bequests whatsoever by
me made, Ratifying and confirming this and no
other to be my last will and Testament, In witness
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirtieth
day of April Anno Domini 1799.

Inquest David published pronounced Notar^{ly} Coffield Seal
and declared by the testator to be his
last will & Testament in presence of

Jermiah Bruce

David Coffield

John Jenkins

Josiah Moore

State of Maryland } Nov. Term 1799
Baltimore County }

The last will & Testament of William Primage
deceased was proved in open Court by the oaths of David Coffield
& John Jenkins two of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to
be recorded.

George Gray Clk

I William Primage of Maryland in the County of Balt-
more do make and ordain this my last will and Testament
in manner following that is to say it is my will and
desire that all my just debts be duly paid and satisfying
and for that purpose it is my will and desire that
my property of whatever nature situate and be sold
by my Executors hereafter named and if any surplus
remains I Give the same to my beloved son Thomas West
Primage and as to my estate and property in Balt-
more County it is my will and desire that the same may
be equally divided among all my children I share
and I share alike and I hereby appoint my trusty
and good friend William Primage of Hennington Es-
quire hereof sole Executor and hereby revoking all
other wills by me at any time heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I have this twentieth day of
November in the year of our Lord one thousand
Seven hundred and ninety two set my hand and
seal William Primage Esq. Signed sealed published
and declared to be the last will and Testament
of William Primage in the presence of and
each of us who were requested to witness the same
the 20th day of November 1792. Jas Cooper Secy
Dmt. Hannah Lowrey
Exr.

Extracted by John Brand

Proctor

Doctors Commons

Seventy under
one hundred
pounds
to B.

John Bopchum (providence). Archibishop
of Canterbury, Primate of all England,
and Metropolitan, do by these presents
make known to all men, that on the twen-
ty first day of March in the year of our
Lord one thousand Seven hundred and
ninety three at London before the most re-
verend William Balline Esq. of Laws Surro-
gate of the right Honourable Sir William
St John Knight Esq. of Laws, Master, Judge,
or Commissioner of our Prerogative Court of
Canterbury, lawfully constituted the last
will and testament of William Primage
late of Drayton in the County of North
Dorset deceased hereunto annexed, was first
approved and registered; the said deceased
having shown him, and at the time of
his death, Goods, Chattels and Credits in
diverse Places or Jurisdictions, by reason
whereof the proving and registering the
said will, and the granting Administra-
tion of all and singular the said Goods,
Chattels and Credits; and also the ac-
counting, allowing and final discharging
the account thereof, are well known to
appear and only wholly to us, and not
to any inferior Judge, and that Adminis-
tration of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and
Credits of the said deceased, and any way concerning
his will was granted to William Blamie Esquire,
the said Executor named in the said will, he having
been already sworn well and faithfully to administer
the same, and to make a true and perfect Inventory
of all and singular the said Goods, Chattels and
Credits, and to exhibit the same into the registry of
our said Court on or before the last day of Septem-
ber next ensuing, and also to render just and
true account thereof.

Signed at the time and place above written and in the
presence of our Translation —

Geo. Gothing } Deputy
James Townley } Registers
R. Dodwell }

Entered in the office for Auditing the Public Accounts
the 10. May 1793 —

Jno Higginworth

State of Carolina, Nov. 9. Term 1799
Berkeley County }

The copy of the last will and testament
of William Primage dec'd. was exhibited into Court and
ordered to be recorded —

George Gray Clk

I William Sharrock of Berkeley County, & State of North
Carolina being in perfect health of body, & of sound mind,
I hereby do make & ordain (thus) my last will & testament —

First I Give & bequeath unto my son Griffin Sharrock
all my land & negroes, & all my whole estate real & personal,
to him & the lawful heirs of his body, & in the absence of
such heirs my will & desire is that all my property of every
kind should be sold, & that part of my property that came
by my wife, that is the money which Great Kemptsey, Rose,
& Lucy (which said negroes came by my wife) shall sell
for, & two hundred & fifty dollars more, that it should
be equally divided between Polly Griffin, & Polly Griffin
& William Bishop, & Abigail Bishop, and the rest to be
paid out in negroes & to be lent to my mother during
her natural life, & after my mother's death I give &
bequeath the said negroes (lent to my mother) to my
Orphan James Sharrock, & my Sister Elizabeth Hollowell
to be equally divided between them —

I do hereby make & ordain my father Thomas Sharrock,
my friends Moses Bishop & James Sumner Groves Sen.
Attorneys to the my last will & testament, & I do hereby let
they discuss, revoke & determine, all former wills, legacies,
bequests, & executors, by me before made, ratifying & con-
firming this & me to be my last will & testament:

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal,
this twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord one
thousand seven hundred & ninety seven —

Signed, sealed, acknowledged William Sharrock (Seal)
& attested to be his last will & tes-
tament, in the presence of us

Moses Bishop

& Groves

James Sumner Groves Sen.

State of N. Carolina, Nov. Term 1799 —
Berkeley County

The last will & testament of William
Sharrock dec'd. was proved in open Court by the
oath of Moses Bishop one of the subscribing witness-
es and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen, May the Eighteenth day
anno Domini 1799 I Rhody Turner do make and or-
dain this my last will and testament in manner
and form following that is to say my will and desire
is that my sister Winifred Wallton have all my
clothes that are not transported by I give them
to her & her heirs assigns forever —

I give to my son John Turner my negro woman
Phillis, a slave, and all my clothing not above men-
tioned and also all my other property whatsoever the
same may be either real or personal to him his

heirs and assigns forever —

My will and desire is that in case my said son John
Turner should die before he is married or arrives to the
age of twenty one years the property I have given to him
as above be equally divided amongst the following persons
that is to say Greenberry Neelins and the children of my
sister Winifred Wallton, and Lizzy Tadlock, Elizabeth
Tadlock, Jris Tadlock and John Tadlock the children
of my sister Sarah Tadlock now dec'd to them & their
heirs forever — And I give unto my Brother James Turner
one quarter of a dollar, and to my sister Martha Manning
one quarter of a dollar and to the children of my sister
Mary Turner, say Thomas who was born to her during her
marriage with Abraham Neelins, and Richd & Henry &
Thomas who was borne to her during her marriage with
William Turner, in case my son John should die before
the day of his coming to the age of twenty one years or
should marry as aforesaid and one quarter of a dol-
lar to Mary Welch in case of the death of my son as
aforesaid and lastly I hereby appoint and constitute my
sister Winifred Wallton Executrix & Greenberry Neelins
Executor to this my last will and testament,

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & seal the day & year above written —

Signed, sealed & acknowledged }
by the said Rhody Turner I do } Rhody x Turner (Seal)
her last will & testament before } mark

William Turner

William Brogden

John Skyles
mark

State of N. Carolina, Feb. Term 1800
Berkeley County

The last will and testament of Rhody
Turner dec'd. was proved in open Court by the oath of
John Skyles one of the subscribing witnesses and or-
dered to be recorded

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen I Solomon Pender of being
 thro the abundant mercy and goodness of God thro weak in
 body (ye of a sound) and perfect understanding and mem-
 ory do constitute this my last will and testament and desire
 it may be renewed by all as I shall first I must humble
 beguath my soul to God my maker beseeching his
 most gracious acceptance of it through the sufficient mer-
 its and meditation of my most compassionate redeemer
 Jesus Christ who gave himself to be a ransomment for
 my soul and able to save to the uttermost all that com-
 e to God by him being he ever liveth to make intercession
 for them and who I trust will not reject me returning
 penitent sinner when I com to him for mercy in this
 hope and confidence I render up my soul with con-
 fess humbly beseeching the most blessed and glorious
 Trinity one God most holy most merciful and gracious
 to forgive me for the time of my dissolution and
 to take me to himself into that peace and rest
 and incomparable felicity which he has prepar-
 ed for all that love and fear his holy name and
 blessed be God I Give my body to the earth from
 whence it was taken in full confidence of its resurrection
 from thence at the last day as my burial I desire it
 may be decent without pomp or state at the discre-
 tion of my dear friends and my Executors hereafter
 named who I doubt not will manage it with all
 request for as to my worldly estate I will and
 positively order all my debts to be paid.

1 I Give to my dear Cousin Solomon Long thirty
 pounds and cash to School him

2 I Give to my dear Sister Prudence Long one
 negro woman by the name of Sary her life time
 and then I Give the same negro to my dear beloved
 Cousin Panny Long

3 I Give to my dear Brother John Pender thirty
 Shillings

4 I Give to my dear Sister Prudence Long Sixty
 pounds

5 I Give to my dear Brother Elisha Pender fifty pounds
 in cash

6 I Give to my dear Brother William Pender fifty pounds
 in cash

7 I Give to my dear Sister Mary Hyman Sixty pounds
 in cash

8 I Give to my dear Brother Stephen Pender Sixty pounds
 in cash and likewise I Give to my dear Brother Stephen
 Pender one feather bed and furniture

And I Enact &c this my last will and testament
 and my desire is that John Pender and Nottingham Woods
 shall be my Executors

William Kitchell

Thos E. Hare

Solomon Pender Test

State of North Carolina } Feb. Term 1800
 Bertie County

The last will and Testament of Solomon
 Pender deceased proved in open Court by the oath of
 John Kitchell and Thomas E. Hare the two subscri-
 bing witnesses and ordered to be recorded

George Gray All

In the name of God Amen I Mr. Church of the County
 of Bertie State of North Carolina being in perfect health
 but knowing the uncertainty of life being willing to
 dispose of what it has pleased God to bless me with
 do constitute or claim & make this my last will & testa-
 ment in case of my death or I should die before I make
 another

First of all I desire that all my just debts be paid

Secondly I do give & bequeath unto my loving wife
 Elizabeth all & singular the property that came by her
 or that was here before I married her to her heirs
 forever

Thirdly I do lend unto unto my wife all the

remaining part of my property both real & personal during her natural life but after her death to give & bequeath unto my brother Bro. Church all that part of the 2^d part of the land which did belong to myself to him & his heirs forever.

Lastly I do constitute nominate & appoint my wife Elizabeth & Bro. Church both of the County of State of said County to this my last will & testament in witness whereof I have set my hand & seal this 27 day of January 1799

T. J.

Thos Church (Seal)

John Watson

Annal Turner

Attest before me by John Turner 1800

Bethlehem County

The last will and testament of William Church died was proved in open Court by the oath of John Watson one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray Ell

In the name of God Amen I Simon Turner of Bethlehem County and State of North Carolina having for a considerable time labored under great infirmity of Body but at present proposing my recollection and being of disposing mind do make and ordain this as my last will and testament —

In the first place I recommend my soul to God, the author of its being; and desire and trust my Creator shall bring my Body into a decent and Christian like manner.

Secondly I Give to my dear wife Anne Turner during her natural life one hundred acres of land which I bought of Thomas Hunter —

Thirdly I Give and devise to my three sons William

James, Simon, Turner and Thomas Turner and their heirs forever all the rest of my lands to be equally divided among them and I also give them in like manner the one hundred acres of land & four acre, which I bought of Thomas Hunter, after the death of my dear wife. —

Fourthly it is my will and desire that for the payment of my just debts and the legacy after mentioned that my negroes and other personal estate of every kind should be equally divided between my dear wife Anne Turner, my three sons William Turner, Simon Turner and Thomas Turner, and my two daughters Hannah Stone and Mary Turner share and share alike and if either of my said children should die leaving no child living at the time of their death, and unmarried, then I wish the part of my personal estate given to such child or children to be equally divided among the surviving children by my present wife Anne Turner —

I have not mentioned my son James Turner nor my daughter Rhoda McLaughlin as I have theretofore provided for them as well I think as my circumstances will afford, I wish them therefore to retain the property already put into their possession and not to receive any more.

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

Signed Sealed published and

Tested by Simon Turner the
Testator in the presence of
Jeremiah Pearce
Benjamin Folke

Simon Turner (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Feb'y Term 1800
 Bertie County

The last will and testament of Simon
 Kellar died was proved in open Court by the oath of
 Benjamin Folke one of the subscribing witnesses and
 ordered to be recorded.

George Gray Jll

In the name of God Amen September 27th 1796 I Henry
 Kellar of Bertie County do make and ordain this my last
 will and testament. In the first place I give unto my
 beloved daughter Eddy Green five shillings

2^dly I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter
 Sarah Green and her heirs one hundred and gave one
 hundred and fifty shillings and one hundred and fifty shillings
 and one hundred and fifty shillings

3^dly I give and bequeath unto my two grand chil-
 dren Sarah Green and Hephzibah Wilson and their heirs
 to be equally divided between them ten head of Cattle within
 the inclosed thereof of Sheep 18 of hogs 1 box iron &
 that one basin five shillings of beer

4thly I give and bequeath unto my Grand son
 Leander Lamb and his heirs twenty shillings lawful
 money

5thly I give and bequeath unto my son Solomon
 Kellar and his heirs all the remaining part of my
 estate not mentioned in this will

Lastly I constitute and appoint my son Solomon
 Kellar and Michael Ward to be my sole executor
 of this my last will and testament ratifying &
 confirming this to be my last will and testament
 signed sealed published pronounced and declared
 by the said Henry Kellar as his last will
 and testament in presence of

Henry Kellar
 for
 himself & Kellar
 mark

for
 Henry Kellar
 mark

State of North Carolina } May Term 1800.
 Bertie County

The last will and testament of Henry Kellar
 died was proved in open Court by the oath of Henry Kellar
 one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray Jll

In the name of God Amen I Nathan Kellar of
 the State of North Carolina in the County of Bertie being
 sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and
 thanks be to Almighty God therefore (calling to mind the
 mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed
 for all men once to die do make and ordain this my
 last will and testament, that is to say principally and
 first of all I give and recommend my soul to God that
 gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be
 buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of
 my executor nothing doubting but at the general resur-
 rection I shall receive the same again by the mighty
 power of God and as touching such worldly estate
 whereof it hath pleased God to bless me in this life
 as God and dispose of the same in the following
 manner and form.

First I give unto my living wife Elizabeth Kellar
 during her natural life or widowhood my full
 portion and all the land to me belonging also all
 my horse and all my cattle hogs Sheep Geese fowls
 together all my working tools together with all my
 household goods and furniture and after her decease
 or marriage I give and dispose of the same as
 follows

Second I give and bequeath unto my daughter

Thirty Nine Acre of land bounded by Matthews Mitchell's line and the plantation branch and a line of marked trees from said plantation branch from the meadow to said Mitchell's line to her heirs and assigns forever—

Item I give unto my daughter Henry Jernigan two cows and pigs and one ewe and lamb to her heirs and assigns forever—

Item I give unto my daughter Henry Jernigan ^{the} five Shilling Sterling to be raised and paid out of my estate—

Item I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Hears one hundred acres of land joining the plantation whereof Jernigan formerly lived also the meadow bought of William Smith if he the said son Samuel shall pay thirty good dollars to the said William Smith to him his heirs and assigns forever—

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

Item I give and bequeath unto my son David Hears twenty acres of land lying on the South side of the plantation branch beginning on said branch at Thomas Mitchell's corner so down said branch to Joseph White's line thence a southerly course as far as will make seventy acres to him his heirs and assigns forever—

Item I give and bequeath unto my son William Hears the plantation whereon I now live and land bounded by the plantation branch Joseph White's line Beggs Swamp and the branch that divides said land and Thomas Mitchell's land to him his heirs and assigns forever—

Item I give and bequeath all the remainder part of my land not heretofore mentioned to my two sons Miles Hears and Rafe Hears to be

equally divided between them by my executors to them their heirs and assigns forever My will and desire is that my two sons to wit Samuel Hears Nathan Hears David Hears Miles Hears Rafe Hears and William Hears shall pay five pounds a piece towards settling with the estate of David Cretans deceased for said lands—

Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Hoggard five Shilling Sterling to her heirs and assigns forever—

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

Lastly I appoint make and ordain my beloved friends William Watford and William Norris Executors of this my last will and Testament making void all other and former will or wills by me made—

In Witness Whereof I the said Nathan Hears Senior have hereunto set my hand and seal this Seventh day of April one thousand eight hundred and signed sealed published ^{his} Nathan Hears ^{mark} pronounced and delivered in the presence of

James Barradall
Sarah ^{his} Barradall ^{mark}

State of N. Carolina } Henry Term 1800
Berke County

The last will and testament of Nathan Hears dec^d was proved in open Court by the Oaths of James and Sarah Barradall the two subscribing witnesses and ordered to be read by
George Gray cll

State of North Carolina, January the 1st day 1800
County of Bertie

In the name of God Amen I
John Bond Calling to mind the mortality of my body
knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die
do make and ordain this my last will and testament
that is to say for ever after first of all I give and bequea-
th unto my wife Letitia Bond her thirds of all my lands
during her life for him and four negroes Nam Pat, Chanc,
Sons and one small land called riding Chas and
half my household furniture thirty barrels of corn
and as sufficiency of stock —

I do ordain and bequeath unto the child that my
wife Letitia Bond is now big with all my lands
and negroes that has not been given away and one
half of my household furniture and likewise
will that I do possess that has not been given away
and if the child dies before it marries or arrives to
twenty one year of age for this plantation to be
divided upon the Village seven to fall to my
sister Sarah Thompson and likewise my marsh
plantation to fall to my sister Mary Bond but if
the child should live to the above above mentioned
age for that to be of town seven to my sister Letitia
child should not arrive to the above mentioned age
for the negroes to fall to my half brother Lewis
Bond & he should sell my horses and cattle and hogs
and corn and brandy and plantation utensils to
be sold to pay my debts I do hereby appoint and
ordain Nathaniel Thompson and Henderson
Attingham executors to this my last will and
testament and I do hereby with my disallow
revoked and any and all other wills testaments or
bequests that I have by me made in witness
whereof I the said John Bond have here-
unto set my hand and seal the day and year
first above written

John Bond Seal

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

Thos Thompson

Nathaniel Thompson

State of North Carolina, May Term 1800
Bertie County

The last will and testament of
John Bond deceased was proved in open court by the
oath of Nathaniel Thompson one of the subscribing
witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Vray Clerk

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

I then I do to my beloved wife Niece Hayes the
house and all the chancel land whereon I now live
and as much wood land as will support the
said plantation with timber and firewood during
the time of her natural life I likewise give to my
wife Niece two feather beds and furniture by her
freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever —

I likewise give to my beloved wife Niece one mare
named Sam by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed
forever — I likewise give to my wife Niece two cows
and pigs which shall be her choice out of my stock

of hogs and two cows and lambs I give to her by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever—

I likewise give to my beloved wife Niece one cow and calf by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever—

I then I bequeath and bequeath to my son Solomon Hayes one hundred and nine acres of land to be laid off for him at the west end of my land joining Luke Rabys Land I then I bequeath and bequeath to my son Solomon Hayes one hundred and nine acres of land to my said son Solomon Hayes his heirs and assigns forever—

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

I then I bequeath and bequeath to my son Samuel Hayes all the remainder of my land lying on the east side of the main road I leave to be sold by my Executors within the term of two years at first at half and twelve months credit given the purchaser by giving bond and security for the faithful payment of the money and the said money then arising by the sale of the said land I leave to be equally divided amongst my three daughters named Sarah Hayes, Sarah Hayes and bid-ah Hayes by them freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever—

I then I have a claim of land lying in Cosh-
Swamp which I expect will be sold under my
fortune will which I leave to my part
of the money from thence arising to be equally
divided amongst all my children by them freely to
be possessed and enjoyed forever—

I then I bequeath and bequeath to my son Samuel Hayes all the remainder of my land lying on the east side of the main road I leave to be sold by my Executors agreed to by law and the money to go to discharge my debts—

I likewise give and bequeath to Betsey Robertson the sum of ten pounds to be raised out of my estate and by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever—

And lastly I make and appoint my friend Lewis Thompson my whole and sole executor of this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I the said Joshua Hayes have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above—

Signed Sealed published and
ordained by the said Joshua Hayes
as his last will and testament
in the presence of

Joseph Horne
Simpson Hayes
Judith Hayes

Joshua Hayes Seal

State of North Carolina, August Term 1800
Rutledge County

The last will and testament of Joshua Hayes deceased was proved in open Court by the oath of Judith Hayes one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded—
George Gray Clerk

In the name of God Amen I Benjamin Fernigan of the County of Bertie and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory do hereby do this twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty and Ordain this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say (First) I give and bequeath unto my dear beloved wife all the property that I am possessed with consisting of two negroes, cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, household furniture &c after all my just debts is paid—

I then I bequeath and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Fernigan the sum of ten pounds to be raised out of my estate and by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever—

Arthur Fernigan
James Fernigan

State of Maryland, August term 1800
Bertie County

The non-cognitive last will and testament
of Benjamin Jernegan dec'd was proved in open Court by
the oath of Arthur Jernegan and James Jernegan and
ordered to be recorded. —

George Gray III

I, the name of God Amos & Thomas Cothran of Ber-
ke County being of Sound and perfect Mind and mem-
ory (Blessed be God) dated 26th of May in the year of our
God one thousand eight hundred and fiftish
thick my last will and testament in manner following:
First of a. 00. I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty
God that gave it and not doubting that at the general
resurrection to receive the same again as touching such
worldly goods as it hath found God to intrust me with
I desire of in the following manner: First I bequeath
my body to be buried in Christian like manner at
the discretion of my Executors hereafter named—

Alam. I intend to say before Miss Hannah Allen
all her right of dower both real and personal estate
during her natural life and as her deceased husband
is my estate and to be disposed of as I may after directed-

Stem I should beguise to my beloved wife & our
dear children my single Charles & family and one
horse —

Item I lent to my friend John Allen, and sent
a negro man by the name of Henry that I am now
at law for in Martin County bond for the said Henry
and if I should receive him I then give the said negro
to him and his heirs forever and if I do not receive the
said negro within the above said and gift to be void
and of no effect —

Then I send to my daughter Harriet Collins all

my estate both real and personal and if she should die before she come to lawful age or marriage then to return to my estate again to be disposed of as hereafter directed and if my daughter Harriet does come of age or marry then I give and bequeath all my estate to her and her heirs forever but if my daughter Harriet both dies before lawful age or marriage then I give and bequeath my manors of Plantation whereon I now live to my nephew Edward Watson provided my daughter does die before she come of lawful age or marriage —

Then I Give and bequeath to my nephew Thomas Reed
all my share of the land that Christian Reed and myself
bought in joint partnership of the Gardens and others in
Hoboken Secrenty

Furthermore my will and desire is that if my daughter
Harriet die before she come to twenty age or is married that
all my personal estate except such household as I have given
to Edward Walter and Thomas Horsbrough be divided
between my Brother and Sisters Children share and share
alike except Elizabeth Mooreman and in lieu of a share
of my estate forty pounds to be lent out of my estate
and to be disposed of to her at the discretion of my
executors. I likewise nominate order and appoint
my friends Jonathan Jacobs and Thomas Bryan my
Executors to this my last will and Testament giving
them full power to act and do what they think best
for the benefit of my estate without binding my
executors to any law custom or usage whosoever to act
and do as if it were their own paying regard to the
bequest I do hereby revoke and disannul all other
wills or wills by me here before made in witness whereof
I set my hand and seal

Sign'd Seal'd in the
presence of

Thos Cullen Seal
After the above was signed and

James Rouse will and desire is that if Robert
Samuelson Turner Redick's land is to be sold that
Mary ^{his} X ~~James~~ ^{Mark} my Executor purchase it out
of my estate for the use of my
daughter Harriet —

Thos Cullen Seal

James Rhodes dec'd was proved in open Court by the oath of James Rhodes Jun^r one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen I Horea Rauls of the County of Berke in the State of North Carolina being of perfect Sound mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God for the same but calling to mind the mortality that attends my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die I do hereby make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows viz

First of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it hoping through the merits death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have the full and free pardon and remission of my sins and my body I commit to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christianlike manner at the direction of my executors hereafter named and as to the worldly estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow on me I give and bequeath in manner and form as it follows first my will is that all my just debts and funeral charges shall be fully paid and discharged —

Item first I give unto my mother Rebecca Rauls all my rights and title of all my stock of all my cattle horses and things and all I possess within and without to live on as she need be long as she lives after her death then to be divided equally between my daughter and Josiah Rauls and Josiah Rauls I do hereby appoint my brother Josiah Rauls and James Rauls my heirs and sole executors of this my last will and testament and

and all other wills and testaments by me before made and acknowledge this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of September eighteen hundred —

Jeremiah Bruce
Dwelling ^{his} near

Horea Rauls (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Nov. Term 1800
Berke County }

The last will and testament of Horea Rauls dec'd was proved in open Court by the oath of Jeremiah Bruce one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Gray III

On Wednesday the 1st day of October 1800 Martha Standley departed this life at the dwelling house of James Swindal Woods where she had resided for four or five years and she leaving property and being in sound mind & memory disposed the following (to wit)

She gave & delivered one negro girl named Betsy to Horea Rauls after the death of her the said Martha Standley

October 10th 1800

The above will was proved by the oath of Elizabeth Hires & Elizabeth Lucas before me this 11th day of October 1800
Jos. Ware J P

State of North Carolina } Nov. Term 1800
Berke County }

The noncompetitive last will and testament of Martha Standley dec'd was proved in open Court by the oaths of Elizabeth Hires and Elizabeth Lucas and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen I John Nicholls
of the State of North Carolina County
being now and of perfect health of body and of per-
fect mind and memory thanks be given unto
God, Calling unto mind the mortality of my body
and knowing that it is of painted for all men
once to die I do make and Ordain this my last
will and testament, that is to say principally and
first of all I give and 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 decent Christian burial at the
discretion of my executors nothing doubting
but at the general resurrection I shall receive
the same again by the mighty power of God and
ascending such glory as to where with
I have pleased God to bless me in this life.

I give and devise of the same
in the following manner and form.

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved
sister Elizabeth Nicholls daughter of John
Nicholls all my lands houses and timber there-
on and negro woman called Phill one negro
girl called Phillis and one negro boy called
Dismal and all that in and to her her heirs
and assigns forever I likewise give unto
Elizabeth Nicholls one bureau and all that in it
at my death and one small desk to her her
heirs and assigns forever but in case my
dear Elizabeth should die without lawful is-
sue of her body then and that case I give all
to my brother John Nicholls I likewise give
and bequeath unto my beloved brother Osborn
Nicholls one negro man called Joseph one
negro man called Allen and one half
of all my movable estate to him his heirs
and assigns forever except what I have gave
away.

Turn Over

Now I give and bequeath unto my brother Pen-
sion Nicholls one large bible and a fourth part
of my movable estate except what I
have gave away to him his heirs and assigns
forever.

Then I give and bequeath unto my sister
Fanny Ashburn two small trunks and a fourth
part of my movable estate except what I
have gave away to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Now I give and bequeath unto my cousin John
Nicholls one negro boy called Bill to him his heirs
and assigns forever.

And I do request my executors that as much
of my estate as soon after my death is possible
and pay all my just debts and I do hereby
appoint John Nicholls, Seidman Lawrence and
John Webb Executors of this my last will re-
voking and annulling all other wills first
by me made shall sign & confirming this and
manuscript to be my last will and testament
Signed Sealed published pronounced John Nicholls and
out and delivered to be my last
will and testament this 11th

day of April 1799

In presence of us
Test John Nicholls
Benjamin Nicholls

State of North Carolina, Nov^r Term 1800
County of

The within last will & testament of
John Nicholls died was proved by the oath of
William P. Hardy, Frederick Harrison &
Amos Harris to be truly in the handwriting
of the said John Nicholls as well as his name
thereunto subscribed & it was also shown to the
Court that Benjamin Nicholls one of the sub-
scribing witnesses is interested in the said

will therefore cannot prove the same therefore
it was ordered by the Court that the said last will
testament be admitted to probate and recorded.

George Gray etc

In the name of God Amen I Robert Gray first
of St. Luke County in the State of North Carolina,
being very sick in body but of perfect mind &
memory do hereby certify the following last will &
testament—

I My wife & children, that I have been & am made
to feel that I possess George's lot the land on the
left side of the creek run, which I have made
sure to him by indent of Deft. I also give & bequeath
to my son & daughter, Thomas & Mary, the land
at the end of the road on the north side of the creek
beginning at a marked tree, thence down the creek
to the first station, thence running by a line of marked
trees to the mouth of the river, thence up the river
to the first station, thence down the river to the
first station. I also give & bequeath to my
son & daughter, Thomas & Mary, the following
negroes, viz. old Saml. & old Peter, & increase thereof
I will be increase by my son & daughter, also
Saml. & Peter, & old Peter, & old Peter, & old Peter, &
black horse, also all the stock of horses & cattle he
has had or possesses—

I also give to my wife, Mary, the following
her material life, the lands & plantation whereon
I now live, beginning at a marked maple in
Linnapins branch, thence up the said branch
to the head, thence by a line of marked trees

to a red oak, & comes to standing in Thomas Rhodes
clearing, from thence by a line of marked trees to the center
of a pine & Hickory, thence along the patent line to a red
Horse Bishop's line, & across the meeting house path, & from
thence to a red oak, at the head of a branch, dividing
the plantation on which I now live from that my ever
beloved son & daughter, the branch to a spring, & from thence
to the first station; and after my wife's decease I give
& bequeath to my son Thomas, the first & best of the
above land. I also land unto my wife, Mary, to
have a tract of land lying in the low grounds of
Roanoke River, beginning at a marked Cypress,
thence running along the main county road to the
little marsh, thence down the said marsh to a
water oak, at marked tree, thence down the creek to
a marked Cypress, & thence up the creek to the first
station, & after her decease I give & bequeath the said
lands to my son Thomas, the first & best of the
above land unto my wife, Mary, to have the following ne-
groes, viz. Saml. Charles, George, & old Peter, & old Peter,
& old Peter, & old Peter, & after her decease the said
negroes to be equally divided between my four chil-
dren, viz. Mary, Mary, Peter, & old Peter,
Thomas, & old Peter, & old Peter. I also give & be-
queath unto my wife, Mary, that my four wheel-
ed carriage, & horses, namely, Diamond & Rattle, &
my riding mare Flower. I also give & bequeath all my
household furniture, except one feather bed & furni-
ture for each of her four children, which shall be
hereafter named, & two large looking glasses, two
large wall nut tables, & a large buffet, which I want
to remain in the house—

I also give & bequeath to my daughter Mary, the
land & plantation & mill I purchased from her
& Arthur Hollowell, containing one hundred &
eighty seven acres more or less; but if my daugh-
ter Mary, or her heirs should ever content
for any part of the lands I left to my son James