

No. 145

North Carolina, s.s. In the Name of God, Amen!

I, William Keith, Senior, of the State of North Carolina, County of Brunswick, Planter, being of sound disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following: that is to say, I give and commend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I commend to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned, in superimio, I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my eldest son William Keith a piece of land from Godfrey's line down the Creek of Livingston to the mouth of the first branch below where the said Keith now lives.

Item, I give and bequeath unto James, Jonah, and George Keith, my sons, all my lands on Livingston, excepting the seventy five acres and down as far as the said Creek, to be equally divided when either of them shall come to the age of twenty one.

Item, I leave and will that a tract of two hundred acres of land on Linches Creek be sold for the use and benefit of supporting my youngest child.

Item, I give and bequeath unto the issue of the body of my daughter Ferraby what cattle that's in her mark;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the issue of the body of my daughter Lucy, Keith wife of William Keith all the cattle that's in her mark;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Margaret Keith, my daughter, the issue of her body all the cattle that's in her mark;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the issue of the body of my daughter, Isabella Keith, all the cattle that's in her mark;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Martha Keith, all the furniture and residue of my estate during her life, then after her decease then for the said remainder of said land to be equally divided between my three youngest daughters;

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and lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my loving wife Executrix and William Keith & James Keith my sons, Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all or any manner of Former Will or Wills by me heretofore made or done.

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State of North Carolina, } Court of Chas & Sessions, } The due execution
Brunswick County, } October Term, 1810. } of this last Will &
Testament of William Keith was proved in open Court by the oath of William Jones, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & was ordered to be recorded.
Recorded in book pages 40 & 41 - John Julius Gause, Clerk.

Recorded agreeably to an Act of the Genl. Assembly, Special Session, 1908.
Ratified Feb'y, 1st., 1908. Copied from Old Records. Book A. 01, p. 40 & 41.

In the Name of God. I, Alfred Moore Senior, of the County of Brunswick, and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following: to wit: - in superimio, I devise to my son Alfred Moore in fee simple, the whole of my land, composing or appertaining to my plantation called Springfield, where my son Maurice at present resides, and all the lands which I own adjoining the same, also I devise in like manner to my son Alfred in fee simple, all my lands at deep water point, part of the land contained in the foregoing devise to my son Alfred, one situated in the County of New Hanover, the rest in the County of Brunswick. This devise in fee simple to my son Alfred, of all the above mentioned lands is made in special trust and confidence, never the less, for the purpose hereinafter mentioned. To wit, that my said son Alfred will permit and allow his brother Maurice Moore to have, enjoy and receive, all the profits that may be derived from the actual cultivation by himself the said Maurice of the said lands, the rent thereof, or the use of the timber thereon growing - These profits are not to be applied to the purpose of paying any debt that my said son Maurice now owes or may hereafter owe, but solely and distinct to his maintenance and that of his family. My object here is only plain, and I conscientiously believe a very proper one, it is to make a certain and permanent provision for the comfortable support of my child and his family out of property which I have honestly earned by my labor. If therefore any person under any pretence whatsoever, shall attempt to get into possession of the lands herein before mentioned, and prevent the purpose for which this trust has been declared, I require of, and command my son Alfred immediately to enter on the said lands, claiming them in fee simple according to the true intent and meaning of this devise. Further it is my will that after my said son Alfred shall have taken possession of the said lands as aforesaid, that he pay back the rent and other use of the same to Maurice Moore as aforesaid.

most conducive to the interest of his said brother Maurice. And it is my will that my said son Alfred shall by deed or will divide all the herein before mentioned lands among his brother Maurice's children, and that in making this division, he the said Alfred shall be governed by the will and inclination of his said brother Maurice if he be living at the time of the said Alfred's death, and so also if the said Alfred survives the said Maurice, still he the said Alfred shall be governed by the wish and inclination of the said Maurice respecting said division provided the said Maurice shall express his wish and inclination by his last will and testament or other instrument in writing attested by at least one witness; and in case my son Maurice shall die without expressing his wish and inclination as aforesaid respecting the division of said lands among his children then and in that case I direct that my said son Alfred shall make division of said lands among his brother's children at his discretion and in case my son Alfred shall die without first having made division of the said lands among his brother's children by will or deed, then and in that case, I devise and bequeath in fee simple all the herein before mentioned lands to such child or children of my son Maurice as may be living at the time of my said son Alfred's death - further it is my will that if my son Maurice shall survive my son Alfred that the said Alfred shall before his death make such provision by trust or otherwise, and I do hereby give him all necessary powers to do and complete the same as will secure to my said son Maurice the property of all the herein before mentioned lands during his life and he endeavored in all the foregoing clauses to make them provision in my power against contingencies, but whether I have or have not succeeded, my intention is certainly very evident. It is in the first place to secure to my son Maurice the profits of the lands herein before mentioned during his life, and after his death that these lands shall go to his children in fee simple and in such proportion as my son Maurice may think fit to have them bestowed, and in case of his failing to direct in this particular there to be at the discretion of my son Alfred among said children and in case of his failing to divide them share and share alike to the children that may be living of his brother at the time of his, the said Alfred's death. Item, I give, devise, and bequeath to my son in law Major Hugh Waddell and my daughter Anne Waddell wife of the said Hugh for and during the term of their joint lives and the life of the survivor Remainder in fee simple, the share of children of the said Hugh by my daughter Anne which shall be living at the time of the death of the said Hugh, two hundred acres of Tide Swamp lying in Eagles Island in the County of Brunswick in former part of a settlement on the English

both of which will herein after be described, and I do hereby authorize and empower the said Hugh by his last Will and Testament to divide the said lands among his said children by my daughter aforesaid in such proportions as to value and quantity, as he may think fit, having if he pleases give the hundredth part of an acre to all his children and me, and give the rest of the land to that one, or divide it in any other manner at his discretion. The Tide Swamp devise to my son in law Hugh Waddell, and daughter Anne, I designate and describe thus: Two Hundred acres of Tide Swamp, surveyors measure, lying on Eagles Island, including the Ricefield now in cultivation by the said Hugh and as much wood land adjoining the same, and stretching as far as the causeway as will make up the complement of two hundred acres surveyors measure. My will here is, that the said Two Hundred acres shall be taken altogether in a body, as nearly as the situation and water courses will permit. The highland settlement devised to the said Hugh and Anne with Remainder as aforesaid I devise under the following boundaries, to wit: - Beginning at the mouth of the Canal which separates the Ricefield at present owned by the Rev. Mr. Glass upon the main, from my Ricefield in front of my House and running thence up the canal next up my Ricefield Bank, but not including the land on either side thereof, or the Bank itself, until the line shall extend four feet beyond the upper corner of my Ricefield bank upon the edge of the said Canal which will be within a few feet of the Barn now standing and erected by the said Hugh near the head of said Canal; this will give the said Hugh and Anne with Remainder to the Canal between Mr. Glass and myself, which is what I intend. Then I direct that from the extremity of the four feet beyond the corner of my said bank the line shall proceed in a Southwardly direction, keeping all the way four feet from my Ricefield ditch which runs along the brow of the high land until it reaches the place where the fence now stands dividing the said Hugh's Ricefield from my garden, thence along the said fence until the line comes opposite the said Hugh's gate, then to cross to the middle of the land now between us, thence to proceed by a straight line to the head of the lane opposite to the corner of the said Hugh's fence, thence to a point from where the land by a straight line will be equally divided between the South line and the North line of my tract, after which it will proceed keeping Equidistant from the South line and the North line of my tract as far to the West as my claim extends. Item, I give, devise and bequeath in fee simple to my daughter Anne, my land on the head of Longstone Creek, consisting of Two Tracts, to wit: One of Eight Hundred and one acres, situated by Mrs. Davis's plantation and one other tract near and adjoining the same, and

the 320 acre Tract; Item, I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter Sarah, in fee simple, the lands which I own on the North side of the Causeway, on Eagles Island; also in like manner, in fee simple, I devise to my said daughter Sarah, my tract of land on Bull Head in the County of Brunswick, aforesaid. Item, I give, devise and bequeath to my son Alfred Moore for and during the term of his natural life, remainder in fee simple to such child or children of the said Alfred as he shall appoint, either by his last will and Testament, or other writing under his hand and seal attested by or attested if he can conveniently procure one, and if not then his own hand-writing (which is well known) shall be proved, and that shall be sufficient, all my Plantation and tract of land in the County of Brunswick called Buchai, both high land and tide Swamp, save only such part of the highland as I have here in before devised to my son in law Major Waddell, and my daughter Anne, also I give, devise and bequeath to my said son Alfred for life remainder in fee simple to such child or children of my said son Alfred as he may appoint by his last will and Testament or other instrument in writing as aforesaid to be proved as aforesaid, all the lands which I own upon Eagles Island aforesaid, save only the 200 acres, surveyed measure, herein before given to my son in law Hugh Waddell and my daughter Anne, and the lands lying on the Northern side of the Causeway herein before devised to my daughter Sarah. Item, I give, devise and bequeath to my son Alfred for life, Remainder in fee simple to such child or children of my son Alfred as he shall appoint, as aforesaid by his last will and Testament, or by other writing under his hand and seal as aforesaid to be proved as aforesaid, all my plantation called Moore field, and all my lands in the County of Orange. Item, I have six acres of land in the town of Fayetteville, these said lands shall be divided by my said two sons Maurice & Alfred Moore and Major Waddell, my son in law, into four parts, as equal as they can make them, after which they shall be drawn for by themselves four in number, one for each of my children. The lot which shall be drawn by my son in law Major Waddell, I give to his wife my daughter Anne in fee simple. The lot drawn by my son Alfred I give to him in fee simple. The lot drawn by my daughter, Sarah, I give to her in fee simple. The lot drawn by my son Maurice, I give to my son Alfred in fee simple, in special trust and confidence, nevertheless, that he will apply it in the same way that I have here before already directed with respect to the other lands devised to my son, Alfred, for the benefit of my son Maurice & his children. Item, it is intended by me to make the distribution of my slaves as soon as possible among my children. With respect to my son Maurice, he has received already from me the

upward of five thousand dollars (\$5000.) in slaves and money to purchase slaves, but I will charge him with but five thousand dollars (\$5000.) on this account. At the time I gave him the money to purchase slaves with I directed him to give no more than four hundred dollars (\$400.) for prime negro men, and three hundred dollars (\$300) for prime negro women. If he has deviated from this, his brothers and sisters are not to be the sufferers, my said son Alfred therefore and each of my daughters, must receive from out of my gang five thousand dollars (\$5000.) each worth of negroes, before my said son Maurice comes in for a share - and these negroes must be set apart to them at the rate of four hundred (\$400) dollars for prime men and three hundred dollars for a prime negro woman, and I direct that this scale of valuation shall hold invariably, except in case of trade - My daughter Anne has received from me but four negroes for which I will not allow her to be charged with the increase of these negroes since I gave them to her, she therefore must only account with her brothers & sisters for four negroes before she comes in for a share. My son Alfred has received from me, but one negro boy called Joney, who is one of several negroes I made him a deed of gift, for some time ago. So of said negroes named in that deed of gift, John and Sarah have since died, but as a life estate in all the negroes was reserved to me in the deed, and they never came into his possession it would be unjust that he should bear the loss either of these two or of any others named in the deed of gift that may die during my life. I therefore direct that my said son Alfred shall only come into account with his brothers and sisters for such of the negroes named in the deed of gift as may be living at the time of my death. To my daughter Sarah, I have not given any negroes; but I desire that when distribution comes to be made of my negroes among my children that Williamby and her family may be set apart for her, she coming into account with her brothers & sisters for their value. Then upon a division of my personal estate which ever negro may be set apart as the share to which my son Maurice would be entitled as my child, after accounting with his brother & sisters for what he has already received, I devise and bequeath all such negroes to my son Alfred in special trust and confidence, nevertheless, that he will permit his said brother Maurice to have the use and benefit of said negroes from year to year during his life, and upon the death of his said brother Maurice to divide the said negroes among his the said Maurice's children in such manner as the said Maurice may direct, provided always that such division shall be given by the said Maurice in his last will and Testament or by such other instrument in writing as he may think fit, and be attested by him, and attested by at least one other person

and if my son Maurice, shall fail to give such direction, as aforesaid then I direct that my said son Alfred shall divide said negroes among his brother's children at his discretion. And in case my said son, Alfred, shall die without making division of said negroes among his brother's children, as aforesaid, then I bequeath & devise said negroes to such child or children of my son Maurice as shall be living at the time of my son Alfred's death, share and share alike, in absolute ownership. Item, I have heretofore lent to my son Maurice, twelve laboring slaves, besides Ned a cook, it is my will that these negroes shall remain in the possession of my said son Maurice for three years to be computed from the first day of Jan'y. after my death, and that he shall receive to his own special use and benefit free from all liability to account for the same, the free benefit & profits of them for the said space of three years to commence as aforesaid from the first day of January after my death, at the expiration of which time, the final division of my personal estate must take place, and the said negroes be divided among my children. Further, it is my will that at the expiration of the said three years after my death, my children, if their mother should still be living, shall contribute equally to her support, so long as she shall live, and as to the yearly sum which shall be necessary for that purpose I leave entirely to the discretion of my two sons Maurice and Alfred to pay upon the same, from year to year. As to my plate, household furniture and stock, it is my will that my two sons, Maurice and Alfred and my son in law Major Waddell shall put a valuation upon them, after which my son Alfred shall be at liberty to keep the whole in absolute ownership, he accounting for three fourths (3/4) of the value thereof, to wit: one fourth to each of his sisters, and as to the other fourth for which he would be accountable to his brother Maurice, I give the said fourth to my son Alfred in special trust and confidence, that he will apply the same to the benefit of his said brother & family, and not to the purpose of paying any debt of the said Maurice, and for the payment of the said three fourths of the value of the said plate, house hold furniture and stock, I indulge my said son Alfred with three years time, and direct that he shall make payment of one third each year for the said three years. Item, in the devise to my son Alfred of my plantation called Buchai my land on England and my land in the County of Orange, one important contingency has been left unprovided for, to wit: his dying without appointing one or more of his children to take said in fee simple which I have empowered him to do in said devise. my will therefore is that in case my said son Alfred should die without appointing one or more of his children to take said lands, then and in that case the whole of said lands continue in said devise to my said son Alfred for life remainder to such child or children of my said son Alfred as he might appoint & to the said son

for simple in such child or children of my said son Alfred as may be living at the time of his death. Item, it is my will that the whole of my personal property, except the twelve (12) negroes here in after mentioned shall be kept together as it now is for three years to commence and be computed from the first day of January after my death, and my said son Alfred shall receive and take to his own separate use and emolument the whole of the profits from them arising, together with the whole of such crop or crops as I may have on hand or have growing or otherwise situated at the time of my death free of all liability to account for the same, charging my said son Alfred nevertheless with the payment of such debts as I may owe at the time of my death out of said profits and crops and if after the faithful application which my son Alfred certainly will make of said crops and profits to the discharge of my debts, the said debts shall remain undischarged at the end of the said three years after my death, then and in that case, I direct that each of my children shall contribute to the discharge thereof in proportion to the active personal property given them. Let this not look like any partiality for he married with my consent, and during my life I gave him nothing but a few negroes by deed of gift here in before mentioned, and reserved a life estate in them. Item, I give to my son in law Major Hugh Waddell and my daughter Anne, wife of the said Hugh, the use, for and during their joint lives, and the life of the survivor, of the following negroes which said negroes are to be allotted off to them, immediately upon my decease - to wit: - Bellah (the wife of Bob) and her six children, to wit: Johnny, Sal, Grace, Nancy, Sam and Bob; also Job (son of Mary) and his wife Plover, and her three children, to wit: Judy, Ben and Moses. It is my will and meaning that these twelve negroes, given by name to the said Hugh and Anne, and likewise all such negroes as the said Hugh and Anne may draw from my estate at the final division thereof shall be held and enjoyed by the said Hugh and Anne for and during their joint lives and the life of the survivor and I therefore hereby devise to the said Hugh and Anne for their joint lives and the life of the survivor and no longer, all such negroes as they may draw to their share at the final division of my estate, and I do hereby authorize and empower the said Hugh Waddell by his last Will and Testament, or other instrument in writing under his hand and seal to divide all the said negroes among his children by my daughter Anne, in such proportions as he may think fit, and in case the said Hugh shall fail to make such division, then I devise said negroes to be divided share and share alike among the children of my daughter Anne. Further it is my will and my express command that in case of the death of any one or more of the children of my daughter Anne unmarried and without having made

a share or shares of the here in before named & described negroes shall have vested in him or her or them, that then and in that case the surviving child or children of my daughter Anne shall exclusively succeed to and take the share or shares of such deceased brother or sisters. Further, it is my will that the said Hugh and Anne shall come into account with their brother and sister upon the final division of my estate for the full value of the twelve negroes herein before given them by name, as well as the four herein before mentioned. Then, it is my will that my son Alfred shall yearly apportion for three years next after my death the sum of four hundred (\$400) dollars to the education & other benefit of my daughter Sarah in the way I have verbally directed him, also after my debts are paid, he shall purchase for her a certain and afterward when she shall be prepared to learn, as pianos and proper music books. Then, I leave my daughter Sarah under the guardianship of my two sons Maurice and Alfred and my daughter Anne, and if she shall marry before she comes to the age of twenty-one (21) years without the unanimous consent of her guardians aforesaid, then and in that case, I declare the gift of all the property, both real and personal, devised and bequeathed to her in this my will, absolutely void, and I bequeath in fee simple and absolute ownership, the whole of said property, both real and personal to each of my grandchildren as may be living when the event shall happen, share and share alike. Then, I devise and bequeath to my son Alfred my Library of Books of every description, also such philosophical and mathematical instruments as I may have at the time of my death. Then, I give my gold watch to my son Maurice, and my coach and harness to my daughter Anne, and if my cook woman Mary shall be living I direct that she shall be one of the negroes sold off to my son Alfred at whatever she may be worth, and I also direct that Ned who is my son Maurice's cook shall be one that he the said Maurice shall have. Then, it is my will and directions that my two sons Maurice and Alfred, my son in law Mr. Waddell and my daughter Anne shall above value and divide my personal estate, and that the County Court shall have no interference with it whatever. The Act of Assembly requiring the return of an inventory to the County Court was made for the benefit of creditors, so that if my estate is a large one, my debts small, and those debts will be most honorably paid to the last farthing, I direct that no inventory of my estate shall be returned, my children above named shall as has already said be the sole commissioners to value and divide it, and if they have done so, they shall interchange signed copies of their partition in writing, and return one to the court, and then shall be no further duty. I nominate and appoint my two sons Maurice and Alfred

Moore, and my son in law Major Hugh Waddell the Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof the said Alfred Moore, Senior, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 26th day of July, A.D. 1810.

A. Moore

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the Testator to be his last will and testament in presence of us, who in his presence, and at his request have subscribed to the same with our names as witnesses thereto.

John Macmillan, Jas. P. McRee, Jas. Nicolson, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Jan'y Term, 1811, The due execution of this last will and testament of the Hon^{ble} A. Moore, dec^d, was duly proved in open Court by the oath of John Nicolson and was ordered to be recorded.

John Julius Cause, Clerk
Recorded agreeably to an Act of Genl. Assembly, Special Session, 1908.
Ratified Feb'y 1st, 1908 - Copied from Old Records, Book A. N. p. 41 to 49. inc.

No. 74

In the Name of God, Amen! I, Hannah Green, of North Carolina, Brunswick County, being sick and indisposed of body, but of sound mind and memory, and calling to mind the mortality of the body, do nominate, constitute and appoint this my last will & testament. First I give my soul to God that gave it, my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned, and as touching my worldly goods, which God has been pleased to bless me with I divide in the following manner: First I will that my real and personal property be divided into three equal parts; one third I leave the use of to my dearly beloved husband, Richard Green, during his life, and at his death to be divided equally between my two children to them and their heirs. Secondly I leave one third of both real and personal estate to my daughter Mary Grange in especial trust of my Executors for her only use until my son John becomes of lawful age, then to be at her own disposal. Thirdly, the remaining third, both real and personal property I give to my son John Green when he comes of lawful age. Fourthly, I give to my beloved friend Chas. Grange my horse and carriage, &c. I nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved husband Richard Green and my brother Benjamin Green, Executors of this my last will & testament Given under my hand this twenty second of February, One thousand eight hundred and eleven and in the presence of three witnesses, Hannah Green, William H. Houghton, John Grange, Daniel Hewitt, Delilah Hewitt, Court of Pleas & Sessions, January Term, 1811. The due execution of this last will and testament of Hannah Green, dec^d, was proved in open Court by the oath of Mr. Houghton, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and was ordered to be recorded in book A. N. p. 50.

John Julius Cause, Clerk
Recorded agreeably to an Act of Genl. Assembly, Special Session, 1908. Ratified May 22, 1908 - and copied from Old Records, Book A. N. p. 50.