

to John Neale, Henry Neale and Ann Neale, to be equally divided between them, that is to share and share alike. It is my will and desire that my whole estate shall be kept together until my just debts be paid - that is to say before any division shall take place. And I hereby make and ordain my beloved wife Eleanor Neale Executrix, and my beloved friends John Gault Senr, and William Palmer, Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I, the said Thomas Neale, to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this and year above written

Thomas Neale

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Thos Neale, the testator as his last will & testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof. Pitt William Robinson
E^d Palmer

Brunswick County, April 20th, 1797.

The written Will of Thos. Neale was registered in the Clerk's Office in book A, pages 12 & 13. by

John Gault, Clerk

Recorded agreeably to an Act of Genl. Assembly, Special Session
Ratified Feb'y 1st 1798. Copied from Old Records book A.O. p. 12 & 13.

No 3

State North Carolina } In the name of God, Amen!
Brunswick County, I, Drury Allen, of the State and County aforesaid, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, do this 8th day of March in the year of our Lord, One Thousand, seven hundred and ninety seven, make & publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following: -
First, I will and bequeath to my wife Margaret Allen, my negro man named Dick, my negro woman named Venus, and a girl, her daughter named Sue, to her, my wife, during her natural life, then at her, my wife's death, to become the property of my son, Ekanah Allen, and my two grandsons James Randalson, and Drury Allen Randalson, that is to say, the negro man Dick to be the property of my son Ekanah Allen and his heirs forever, and the woman Venus and her daughter Sue, to be equally divided between James Randalson and Drury Allen Randalson, that is to share and share alike, to them and their heirs forever. Item, I will and bequeath to my wife Margaret Allen, all my stock of horses and hogs, to her and her heirs forever, I also will and bequeath to my wife Margaret Allen, one half of my stock of cattle during her life only, and at her death to be equally divided between my two children, my son Ekanah Allen and my daughter Mary Moore, to them and their heirs forever. Item, I also will my plantation with all my plantation tools to my wife Margaret Allen, during her life and no longer. Then I will and devise the said plantation and land thereunto belonging to my son Ekanah Allen and his heirs forever. Item, I will and bequeath to my son, Ekanah Allen and his heirs forever the following negroes, to wit: - negro man Sam, negro man Jo, and negro man James. Item, I also will and bequeath to my son Ekanah Allen, and my daughter, Mary Moore, the other half of my stock of cattle to be equally divided between them, that is to share and share alike, to them and their heirs forever. Item, I will and bequeath to my grand daughter, Nancy Moore, daughter to Mary and James Moore, a negro girl named, Hagar to her and her heirs forever. Item, I will and bequeath to my two grandsons James Randalson and Drury Allen Randalson, the following negroes, to them and their heirs forever the following, Negro woman Bella, negro man Gold, Negro boys Billy, Jack, Emory, and Valentine, to be equally divided between them, that is to share & share alike. I do also, appoint my son Ekanah Allen sole executor to the property left to my grand children in this will. I will and bequeath to my son Ekanah Allen all the debt due me by General Benjamin Smith which is by Bond

sound or otherwise, and I hereby make and ordain my true friend John Gaubert Scull and my son Ebenezer Allen, of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I said Drury Allen have to this my last will and testament my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

D. Allen *(signed)*

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Drury Allen, the Testator, as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing the same.

Benjamin Powell

Isaac Bordeaux

The within Will of Drury Allen was registered in the Clerk's Office in Book A. pages 13, 14, 15. by

John Guins, Clerk

Recorded agreeably to an Act of Genl. Assembly, Special Session, Ratified Feb'y 1st, 1908. Copied from Old Records, Book A. p. 13, 14, 15.

December the 30, in the year of our Lord, 1781, I, being in health and weak in body, and not able to write, but still being perfect and proper senses, I now call Sarah Roberson and John Jones, as witnesses, that I, John Varnow, do make this my last will and testament. To William Jones, I give and bequeath unto my son Lucy Jones, a negro boy called Jacko. in the like manner I give and bequeath unto my friend Sarah Roberson a negro girl called Kate and twenty five bushels grain yearly. I give and bequeath unto William Jones, a negro boy called William and two hundred and fifty acres of land that is in dispute in Bladen County. I give and bequeath unto my aunt Henrietta White, a negro girl called Rachel, I give and bequeath unto my mother all the rest of negroes during her life and then to be equally divided between my brother William Varnow his children, his son William and Susannah, and the use of the rest of my land to my mother to raise and educate the said two children at her death, or at said Varnow's son William being of age it shall fall to the above mentioned Varnow's son William Varnow.

Bladen County, April Term 1798.

The above written was brought into court by Lucy Jones and proved by the oath of William Jones to be a copy of the same as this of John Varnow deceased, and as such to be registered.

Recorded agreeably to an Act of Genl. Assembly, Special Session, Ratified Feb'y 1st, 1908. Copied from Old Records, Book A. p. 16.

No. 251

In the name of God. Amen! I, Henry Taylor, of Brunswick County and State of North Carolina, Planter, being very sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, thank be given unto God, and 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, first, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, who gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a decent and christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again at the General Resurrection by the mighty power of God - and as touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner & form. Infirmities, I give to my dear, beloved wife, Mary Taylor, all and singular my goods and chattels, lands and tenements, by her to be fully possessed and enjoyed during her natural life or widowhood, and at the end of that period to be equally divided amongst all my children, male and female, and if my wife should chance to marry, then in that case for her to have an equal share with the children. And I do further constitute and ordain my friend John Green sole Executor, and my wife, Mary Taylor, sole Executrix to this my last will and testament and do further revoke and disannul all other Wills, Legacies, or Bequests whatsoever by me given or made.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the said Henry Taylor to be his last will and testament in the presence of us this 10th day of Jan'y 1799
Test. Jo. Reason,
Saml. Taylor.

Recorded agreeably to an Act of Genl. Assembly, Special Session, 1908. Ratified Feb'y 1st, 1908. Copied from Old Records, Book A. p. 17.