

In the Name of God, Amen! I, Miles Potter, of the State of North Carolina, and of the County of Brunswick, being weak of body, but perfect in memory and having my mind, do make, ordain, constitute, and appoint this my Last Will and Testament. and I do hereby disavow all former Will or Wills and declare this alone to be my Last Will and Testament. I recommend my soul to Almighty God, from whence it came, and my body to the grave to be buried in a decent, Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors. Item, I desire that my negro woman, Chloe, may serve my son, Miles Potter, the space of two years from the day of my death, and also her child, James, and then to be freed, if agreeable to the laws of the County; and consistent with the Law, then to be sold at Vendue to the highest bidder, the money to be equally divided between my four sons, James, John & Robert Potter, my son-in-law, Abraham Skiff, and my daughter-in-law Margaret McMurray. Item, I desire Margaret McMurray may have my cow named Martha two years. Item, I desire Miles Potter may have my other cattle two years at the expiration of said two years the aforesaid cattle to be sold and the money equally divided as before mentioned. Item, I desire James Potter may have my two red sows and one barrow, Item, I desire Abraham Skiff may have one barrow and one sow, Item, I desire Miles Potter may have one barrow, Item, I desire my negro woman may have the two sows called hers. Item, I desire John Potter may have my gun. Item, I desire my Executors raise six dollars at or before the expiration of two years to pay my debts it being an estimate of what I owe. Item, I desire Miles Potter may discharge my note of hand of Eight Pounds fifteen shillings due Thomas Lane, I having paid him for a discharge of the same, and I do solemnly appoint Miles Potter and John Potter Executors to this my will and testament for the faithful fulfilling thereof. Signed, sealed and acknowledged this tenth of October, 1798.

Witness - Nathan Christie.

Abraham Skiff.

Miles Potter.

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In the Name of God, Amen! I, Daniel Beery, of Brunswick County in the State of North Carolina, being weak in body but of sound mind, memory and understanding, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. Inprimis, I will and desire that all my just debts be paid, having now produce more than sufficient saved to answer said purpose. I will and recommend that my wife and her children should live on the Plantation I purchased from Mr. James Walker, and that my whole property be kept together till the coming of age of my son or the marriage of my daughter. I give and bequeath to my daughter a negro wench named Peg and her child Lucy, to her and her heirs and assigns forever: which wench Peg is not to be delivered unto her if my wife should be distressed for a house wench till my son Samuel comes of age, but if she is not distressed for an house wench then Peg is to be delivered to my daughter on her marriage or coming of age and Lucy is to be also delivered to her on her said marriage or coming of age, whichever shall happen first. I desire that the debts due to me may be immediately collected, and that those refusing or neglecting to pay should be sued without delay, and from the debts received and other moneys earned by my Estate, Money to be laid out in the purchase of a negro boy to be the property of my said daughter Rebecca, in lieu of a boy I sold which I got by her mother, and to be delivered to her on her coming of age or marriage whichever shall first happen, for herself, her heirs and assigns forever. And of which negro the state left her are so given upon condition that she released her slaves to Peter, Abigail, Peller, and Maria, which were conveyed by myself and John Root to Benjamin Smith in trust for the children of my wife by her first husband and myself jointly. I also will and desire that my said daughter should be maintained and educated out of my Estate generally as I wish at all kept together and she to live with her mother on the same. I give, devise and bequeath to my son Samuel, the negroes Ben and Zango, also the Mill tract and all the lands thereunto belonging to him, his heirs and assigns forever, for which I desire my Executors and Executors to obtain sales as soon as possible for the Mill tract from James Walker, Senr., and for the rest agreeably to the receipts amongst my papers and the Estate. He is also to be maintained and well educated out of my Estate generally kept together as before mentioned. I desire that the profits arising from my Estate may be equally divided between my son and wife, and the surplus beyond the expense of the Estate to be laid out in negroes for them same. I do hereby appoint Benjamin Smith, Guardian of my son Samuel.

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and request him to have him educated in a decent manner and agreeable to his circumstances, and to bind him out somewhere to the Northward to some able and complete worker of good character to such trade as he may choose at the age of sixteen - I give to Richard Clayton all my Millwright tools except one set of planes and such as may be necessary for the mill. I give to Mrs. Roots my just debts are paid Fifty Pounds to her sole use and at her own disposal.

Lastly I do nominate and appoint my wife Executrix and Richard Clayton and Benjamin Smith Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others signed, sealed and acknowledged before me

Daniel Beery *(seal)*
Wife. Dry, Susannah Locke.

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In the Name of God, Amen! I, William E. Lord, of the State of North Carolina and County of Brunswick, being in sound mind, but weak in body, do make and ordain this instrument my last will and testament, in manner & form following: Inprimis, I desire that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid as soon as possible after my decease. Item, I give and bequeath unto my Nephew, John B. Lord a negro boy called Alfred to him and his heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath unto John Lord and John Bradley in trust for the use and benefit of my Sister Mary Bascot a negro girl called Judy for her and her heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath all the real, resid and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, of what kind and nature soever to my Nephew William Lord, except the two

negroes above mentioned, and it is my will and desire that upon the arriving at the age of twenty one years he shall be put in full possession of his property, both real and personal. Lastly, I do hereby make, constitute and appoint my brother John Lord Executor of this my last will and testament, revoking and disannulling all former wills and testaments, and do acknowledge this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty eighth day of December, One thousand seven hundred and ninety eight. I do further give and bequeath unto my Nieces Anne and Mary Lord and Emily Lord, each one negro, at the option of my Executor or the Executor of my Executor to be transferred over to them and their heirs forever upon their arrival at the age of eighteen or twenty years of age. When my hand and seal are set above

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In the Name of God, Amen! I, Needham Cause, being in a low state of health, but of sound mind and memory, blessed be God for it, but calling to mind the mortality of the body, and that it is appointed for all persons once to die, do make this my last will and testament in manner & form following; that is to say, after all my just debts be paid, then I give and bequeath unto my loving wife, Hannah Cause one negro wench named Lucy during her life and no longer, also all my stock of cattle which is in my own mark except what cattle is known by my sons to be given to be given to my daughter Elizabeth, also one horse, Selim; one mare and colt, mare named Light with all my stock of hogs, sheep, and goats, one two year old mare named Daisy and all my household furniture, except four beds with some furniture. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Needham Cause one negro fellow named Stead, also one half or moiety of my land which I now live on, beginning at the mouth of the Indigo Branch, running up the same to the head thereof - thence a parallel line to the back line, thence to the East, utmost corner, thence down to the marsh, thence to the mouth of the Indigo Branch, the beginning; also one half of my branch tract, and one half of all my tide marshes and islands, also one feather bed and furniture with my wearing apparel. Item, I give and bequeath to my son William Cause, one negro wench named Sylvia, also 150 acres of land that is on the lower half of my covey place on Saw-cow Swamp, one horse called Redhead with his cattle. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son John Cause, one negro fellow named Esau, also 150 acres of land on Saw-cow Swamp, the upper part of my covey place, also one bed and furniture, with the cattle in his mark and brand. Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Cause one negro wench named Abby one feather bed and furniture, one mare named Pegg, with all the cattle in my mark called heron and known by her broodmare. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Bryan Cause one negro boy named Cain, also at the death of his mother, one negro wench named Lucy with her increase, also one half of my lands whereon I now live which is the remaining half or moiety of the land I gave my son Needham, also one half of my branch tract with one half of my tide marsh and islands, one two year old horse called Edmund with his stock of cattle with his brand, also one feather bed and furniture. Also my will and desire is that the above negroes given to my different children should be kept on the plantation with my wife until she should marry or move away or if any of my children should marry, then their negroes to be given up to them. Also my will is my wife Hannah, son Needham, and son Bryan shall pay all the just debts that I owe, and I do nominate and appoint my loving wife Hannah Cause Executrix and my son Needham Cause Executor of this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills and testaments, and do hereby acknowledge this to be my last will and