No. 36

In the name of God, Amen! I, John Chairs, of the State of South Carolina, being low and weak of body, but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for it, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following; that is to say I recommend my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God in sure & certain hope of his resurrection unto Eternal, through the alone merits of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; and as touching my worldly goods and chattels wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of them in manner and form following, that is to say, in the first place.
I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Mary Wale, and the lawful heirs of her body begotten in marriage, Seven hundred Continental dollars, and if the said Mary Wale, should die without lawful heirs of her body begotten in marriage, the same to return to the heirs of my body. Also I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah Parker Five hundred Continental dollars to her and the lawful heirs of her body forever. and if the said Sarah Parker, should die without lawful heirs of her body begotten in marriage, the same to return to the heirs of my body. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Margaret Smith and the lawful heirs of her body forever, begotten in marriage, Five hundred continental dollars, and if the said Margaret Smith, should die without lawful heirs of her body, begotten in marriage the same to return to the heirs of my body. And lastly I give and bequeath to my well beloved son, James Chairs, all the rest of my estate both real and personal to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten in marriage forever; and if the said James Chairs should die without lawful heirs begotten in marriage the same to return to the heirs of my body. And likewise I do make and ordain my beloved son, James Chairs my whole and sole Executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal, this twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared to be my last will and testament in the presence of James Bell, Sen., Samuel Bell, Jacob his X mark Stanaland.

John Chairs (Seal)

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No. 98

In the name of God, Amen! I, William Gause, of the State of North Carolina, and County of Brunswick, being in perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, calling to mind the mortality of the flesh, and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in form and manner following; that is to say, first I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God from whom it received it birth, trusting in the merits of our blessed Savior Jesus Christ for a glorious resurrection, and my body to it's original dust to be buried in a decent christianlike manner at the discretion of my Executors which are hereafter named. And as touching such worldly goods wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with, I give, devise and bequeath in manner and form following, - Item I give, devise and bequeath unto my son Samuel Gause, all the negroes now in his possession, also his proportionable part of the debts due me, or money in hand, if any. Item, I dispose unto my daughter Elizabeth Gause all the negroes delivered her on her marriage, also little Gilbert and Mariah with two cows and calves, one steer and two yearlings, also her proportionable part of the debts due me or money in hand, if any, to her and the lawful issue of her body. Item. I devise unto my son William one half of my plantation whereon I now live, beginning at the mouth of the old Indigo branch running up the same to the first westernmost head thereof, from thence a direct course to the head of the Negro Branch, then with the branch to the Swamp, thence a parallel line to the back line of all the surveys including and joining the said Plantation whereon I now live - containing all those lands on the westernmost side of the aforesaid line, including Killwarts and Morgans, except one half of Tubbs Beach and the marsh adjoining it, also one hundred acres on Shallotte Swamp joining his Cowpen place Also all the negroes and stock that I have given him since marriage, with Lancaster and his proportionable part of the debts due me, and money in hand if any, to him and his heirs forever. Item, I dispose unto my daughter Martha the negroes and stock delivered her since her marriage with a proportionable part of the debts due me and money in hand if any to her and the issues lawful of her body. Item I devise unto my son Peter one half of my Plantation or Settlement whereon I now live (except fifty acres adjoining & including the dwelling house to his mother during her life) being the eastern half beginning at the mouth of the old Indigo branch running up the same to the first westernmost head thereof &c &c being the division line already mentioned to my son William with the half of Tubbs Beach and the marsh adjoining it