

In the Name of God, Amen! I, Sarah Jane Potter, wife of Nathaniel Potter, of the County of Brunswick, & State of North Carolina, being in good health & sound, disposing mind & memory (blessed be God) but calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following - viz: - 1st. I recommend to God my soul trusting in the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I give bequeath in trust to my friends William L. Lord & Isaac Benson following negro slaves to be equally divided amongst all my children to wit: - Minnie, Son, English, Catherine, John & Annabella with their future increase for the use of my said children and the use of their body only - the aforesaid property having been left to John Lord in trust for me by my Grandmother Mary Mallett of the County of Newhamovis, Town of Wilmington, in the State of North Carolina. The said negro boy Tom having been conveyed to said John Lord by deed from my husband, Nathaniel Potter to said John Lord in lieu of a negro woman called Robinson's Kate which was sold by said Nathaniel Potter, and I do hereby nominate & appoint my husband, Nathaniel Potter, and my son in law, John L. Savage as my Executors to this my last will & Testament, revoking all other Wills heretofore made by me & confirming this to be my only will & Testament; as witness my hand & seal this 24th day of May, 1832.

Sarah Jane Potter
Signed, sealed & declared in presence of N. B. Hatteridge.

State of North Carolina, }
Brunswick County. } December Term, 1834. } The due execution of the last will & Testament of Sarah Jane Potter was proved in open court by the oath of N. B. Hatteridge then subscribing witnesses & ordered to be registered. - Nathl. Potter test.

Recorded agreeably to order of General Assembly, Special Session, 1908. Ratified Feb. 1st 1908 & copied from Old Records, Book B. 1st p. 26.

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Smithville N. C., 13th April, 1834. - In the Name of God, Amen! I, Christian Smith, being of sound mind & memory, do make & ordain this my last will & Testament, feeling that my end is near, and having relations in this part of the country, I give bequeath to my best friend Mrs. John Owens all my property of whatever kind or description appointing my neighbor, Abram Wade Executor to this my last Will & Testament signed & sealed in presence of

Wm. H. Hantins, S. B. Smith }
I also further express my will that my furniture I hereby give to Elizabeth Robinson for her good & affectionate services - as witness my hand & seal this 13th April, 1834. Christian Smith
In presence of Wm. Hantins, S. B. Smith. }
State of North Carolina, Brunswick County, June Term, 1834. The due execution of the will was proved in open court of S. B. Smith & ordered to be registered. Recorded in Book B. 1st p. 27. Ratified Feb. 1st 1908 & copied from Old Records, Book B. 1st p. 27.

I, George Blaney of the Corps of United States Engineers, being of sound mind, do will and desire that the following distribution be made of all my property, real and personal - viz: all my property, real & personal, in the State of Pennsylvania & elsewhere, except in the State of North Carolina, be divided amongst my heirs according to the laws of the State in which it may be situated & that my Executor sell or otherwise manage said property as he may think proper. It is further my will & desire that all my property, real & personal in the State of North Carolina be sold & distributed amongst my heirs according to the laws of the State of North Carolina. I appoint then, Mr. Biddle of Pennsylvania, my Executor and I associate with him for the property in North Carolina Major Sylvester Churchill & Captain Justin Simms. Witnesses John H. Widen, S. B. Smith. 15th May, 1835. State of North Carolina, }
Brunswick County. } June Term, 1835. } The last will and Testament of George Blaney was proved in open court by the oath of John H. Widen and ordered to be recorded. Recorded in Book B. 1st p. 28. Nathl. Potter test. Ratified Feb. 1st 1908 & copied from Old Records, Book B. 1st p. 28.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN! I, John J. Gause, of the County of Brunswick & State of North Carolina, calling to mind the uncertainty of life, & being of sound mind and of disposing memory (blessed be almighty God for the same) do make constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the following manner, to wit: Item 1st, I commend my soul to the Almighty God trusting in redemption through my Saviour Jesus Christ. Item 2d: It is my will & desire to direct & authorize my Executor hereinafter named as well as soon as they may deem it expedient all my lands except my Black Oak Plantation, to the best advantage, and the money arising from the sale of the same to be applied to the payment of my just debts. Item 3d: I have already given to my three grand children by my dear daughter Elizabeth Blawell sundry negroes and three quarter sections of land in the territory of Arkansas as will appear by two deeds of gift now in hand possession. This is a full proportion of my estate for them. Item 4th: I give to Samuel Smith and John A. Gause in special trust for my daughter Ann M. Mallon & her children all the negroes and other increase which I delivered to her on her marriage with William Mallon to be in care of my health or only sold to settle contracts, & in addition of the said William Mallon or any other husband which it may hereafter have & have also consented in deed to give to John M. Blawell for the same given him on his marriage with Elizabeth Blawell.

by their husband William Willson. I also give to my grand daughter Caroline Willson a negro girl named Master and give to my grandson John Willson a negro boy named Jackson and in case of his death before he arrives to the age of one & twenty years or marries for said boy to go to my grand daughter Julia Willson. Item 5th To my son Saml. S. I have given eight negroes and have executed to him a deed conveying his full portion of the except two hundred acres on Shalotte called Stannard and hills for as he has no deed, and therefore devise it to him and his heirs forever. I have also given him some stock, timber, wheels & Reckers with tools, and the property has been delivered to him, and in his full proportion of my estate. Item 6th To my son George W. Cause I have given eight negroes, tract of land on Shalotte called McMillly, but have not executed to him for the same, and therefore devise it to him & his heirs forever also one half of my Laurel Grove Plantation, five cows & calves & one yoke of oxen. I also give a negro boy named Isaac the son of John to the first son of my son George W. Cause, called John Julius, and if no such child, then to his other children if any he should have. If of this property has been delivered to him, & is his full proportion of my estate. Item 7th Although I believe the act of Assembly permitting the entailing of negroes to be unconstitutional, yet for the purpose of giving satisfaction, I leave all the negroes that came by my wife Emily R. to her and at her death to be divided agreeably to Mr. Daniel Will. I also give her all the furniture that she purchased with money that came from the estate of William Lord, two beds furniture, two mattresses, my horse, Combs, Carriage, five cows & one yoke of oxen, and during her natural life, the use of her summer residence Stock Park, and after her death, to be divided among my heirs not here before mentioned. This bequest is made upon the following condition, to wit, that if she be satisfied with my will, but if she be dissatisfied my will then is that it shall be considered as my own absolute property and that she shall have but for a child's part. Item 8th It is my will that after my just debts be paid if there should be any surplus arising from the sale of my lands and the perishable property, that surplus, with all my negroes, be equally divided among my following children, viz. John B. Cause, Jane Cause, Margaret S., Frederick B., Charles S., Julia S. Cause, the Executors & Administrators, receiving from the above a sum sufficient to build a family Vault for the interment of my remains & that of my family as hereinafter directed. Item 9th It is my request that my body should be placed in the Vault with my two daughters under a monument to be built at the old family ground in the plantation, but the site of said monument, and the date, time & agent my Executors or Administrators shall determine. Item 10th It is my will that

my children that are within the vault on his interment in the old burying ground. This I require as my Executor to have carried into effect, immediately after my death to my son John B. Cause, my gold watch and chain and seal, and it is my wish that in the lot of negroes assigned to him my negro fellow Willson to be considered as one. To my son Julius S., I give my gold silver buttons. To my son Frederick B., I give a set of silver table & tea spoons, my Portrait the silver mirror, and in the lot of negroes assigned to him I wish my boy Henry to be considered as one. To my daughters Jane S. & Margaret S. I give each a bed furniture. To my daughter Maria S. B., I give a silver table marked S. E. B., a set of table spoons marked S. E. B. and the picture Rural Scenery & to my daughter Julia Cause a set of table & tea spoons to be purchased by my Executors & to be engraved with the initials of her name. Item 10th It is my will that the property which will be coming to my son Julius S. when my estate is divided shall be left intact to John B. Cause & George W. Cause for the use & maintenance of the said Julius S. Cause and such child or children that he may have and in no way subject or liable to the debt or contract of the said Julius S. Cause. Item 11th The definite meaning of the 7th and 8th items are and it is my will that upon my decease all the negroes with their increase, whether come by my wife Emily R. should be valued & delivered to her, and that after my Executors have paid all my just debts & paid all my negroes that came by me to be divided among my children John B., Julius S., Jane S., Frederick B., Margaret S., Maria S. B., and Julius S. Cause, nothing further into view the negroes that were delivered to my wife & let them be divided among the children which I leave by her agreeably to the will of Mr. Willson and then as much out of the negroes that came by myself as will make their shares equal with my sons John B. & Julius S. Cause. Item 12th It is my will that in case it becomes necessary to make sale of any of my negroes to satisfy my debts, then I direct my Executors to sell to the best advantage the following negroes, to wit, Rachel & Louisa. Lastly, I solemnly swear to testify & affirm my friend & friend Samuel Smith, my son John B., Samuel S., & George W. Cause Executors to this my last Will & Testament hereby making & recommending one James Willson or Willson by me made & ratifying & confirming this to be my last will & Testament. I am under my hand & seal at my stock park plantation the 3rd day of May, Anne Bonni's 28th year & eight hundred & thirty six. Signed, sealed, published & decreed to be the last Will & Testament of the Testator in presence of the above named W. W. Cause, James S. Cause, & John B. Cause, & the said