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In the Name of God, Amen.

I Richard Eagles of the County of Brunswick and Province of North Carolina, Gentleman, being weak in body, but of sound mind & memory, and Considering the uncertainty of this Life, do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say-

Imprimis

It is my will and desire that all my just Debts be paid out of the Profits of my Estate, by my Executors hereafter named.

I Give and Bequeath to my Son Joseph Eagles, son of Margaret Henrietta Eagles my wife formerly Called Margt. Henrietta Bugnion, his heirs and assigns forever, the House Plantation, Saw, & Grist mills, where I now Live, together with all the Lands I am now possessed of Except such as is hereafter given to my Daughter Susannah Eagles, or otherwise, Also I give to my Son Joseph, son to my wife Margt. Henrietta Eagles, formerly Call'd Margt. Henrietta Bugnion, fifteen Negroes, Big and little as their families shall be, also his Choice of four Lotts of Land in the Town of Wilmington, together with two thirds of all the stock I am posses'd of, Cattle, Horses, mares, hogs, Sheep, &c.

Item

I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Susannah Elizabeth Eagles Daughter to my late wife Margt. Henrietta Eagles formerly Called Margt. Henrietta Bugnion, Six hundred & forty Acres of Land Adjoining the Bank'd piece Now Intend for a rice field & Bought of Hugh Blenning. Also one third part of all the Land I now owne on the Island Commonly Call'd Eagles's Island together with one half the Numbe of Lotts in Wilmington, that I am posses'd of Except such as are already given to my Son Joseph, Also one third part of all the Stock I am posses's of Vizt. Cattle Horses, Mares, Hogs, Sheep, &c.

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Item

I Give and Bequeath to my Two Cousins, Jean & Elizabeth Davis one young Negro, each, about their owne Age to them & their Heirs for ever.

Item

I Give and Bequeath to my Sister Elizabeth Davis the House she Now lives in, on the No. side the mill Pond, with the field that is fenced in as long as she Lives, After her Death to return to my son Joseph Eagles.

Item

I Give and Bequeath to Jeanet Mc.farling for and in Consideration of her faithful and Diligent Care & Attendance in Mrs. Eagles's life time as well as Since, two Negroes, Vizt: a wench Call'd Celia, and a Boy Call'd Peter, to her & her heirs forever, And it is my Desire that she the Sd. Jeanet Mc.farling be and remaine in the house I now live, to have the Care of the stock, Poultry & ca. and that my Executors. pay her the Sum of Thirty five pounds preeln. Yearly Untill she marries, or my Son Joseph Come to the Years of Eighteen; Afterwards as long as he shall think proper & no longer.

Item

I Give and bequeath to John Eagleson, my Negro boy Jack, also I do hereby Assign over to him the Mortgage of Price's Land, Commonly Call'd Judy's Branch, & four Mares, & Colts.

It is my Desire that my two Molatto Boys Natt & George, both have their freedom, when they arrive to the Age of Thirty five Years.

And Also that my Negro fellow old Larry have his Freedom, as soon as my Son Joseph Comes of age 'till which time to be and remaine on the Plantation as usual, without being turn'd into the field or other hard Duty.

Item

It is my will & Desire that all my Negroes, Except those already Bequeathd. away, together with all my Household Furniture, Plate, Beds, Bedding & ca: be Equally Divided between my Son Joseph, & Susanna Elizabeth: Eagles, Son & Daughter of my late wife Margt. Henrietta Eagles formerly Margt. Henrietta Bugnion, and that the remaining half of the Lotts of Land in Wilmington be the property of my Son Joseph

Lastly

I do hereby Nominate & Appointm John Gibbs, Robt: Shaw, John Ancrum & Thos. owen, Executors of this my last will & Testament, revoking all other former wills by me mad, ratifying & Confirming this, & no other

In Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand & seal this Twenty third day of March in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Nine

Sign'd Seal'd & Publish'd &
Declar'd to be the last will and
Testament of Richd. Eagles, In
Presence of

The Date alter'd before Sign'd

John Walker
Jno. Fergus
Mary Walker

Codicel of the Last will & Testament of Richd: Eagles It is my
will and Desire that Mr. Wm Dry has a Tittle for a Certaine piece
of Land Bot. of my Father Richd. Eagles & never yet Confirm'd lying
and being on the Island Near the Sd. Wm. Dry's Brick house, he mak-
ing my Heirs a Title for one Square Acre out of the same, on the
side next Wilmington.

Sign'd Seal'd

Richd. Eagles (Seal)

Publish'd & Declar'd in the
Presence of us this 23d March
1769

Mary Walker
John Walker
Jno: Fergus

The within last Will and Testament of Richard Eagles, with the Codicil
Annexed was proved before me this thirty first Day of March 1769 by
the Oaths of John Walker and John Fergus two of the subscribing Wit-
nesses thereto, who swore that they saw the Testator sign seal publish
and declare the same to be and contain His last will and Testament and
that at the Time thereof He was of sound and disposing Mind & Memory.
John Gibbs and Robert Shaw two of the Executors therein named took the
Oaths appointed for their qualification- Ordered that Letters Testam-
entary issue thereon accordingly.

Wm Tryon

(Indorsed)

Last Will &c-
of
Richd. Eagles Esq.

filed 19, July
1769.
John London
DSec

A true Copy

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I give my Son Richd all my Negroes saveing the Whence Margert Burows
Alias Pegy & her Sons Thomas Eagleson & his Brother John & the Boy
at Shallote Josuah & a Negro Girl Jeney to my Daughter Elizth Davise
haveing given her hur Fortune before & I also give my said Son Richard
all my Lotts in Wilmington be they more or Less all my Lands what some
Ever where ever they be, all my Cattle Horses & & every thing I shall
Dyd Posest of the Wenoh Hanah at Shallote, as I think have a Child by
her Look on her as such never lett her go in the fieald Two Choise
Negroes or One Hundred pounds Proclamation Money to Thos Eagleson togea-
ther with the plantation Calld Cowan & if my Sloop June sa(i)ling I
give her to him

(Indorsed)

No Carolina Ss. Wilmington 16 Mar. 1755

The within Writing was proved to be the Handwriting of Richard
Eagle deed. by the Oaths of William Lord, Cornelius Harnett,
John Burgwin and Benjn. Morison before his Excellency the
Governor in Council

Wm. Powell Cl. Co.

Letters Issued

(A true copy of mutilated will)

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