

N. E. N. & F. N. also, Thirty Pounds Proclamation money, to her & her heirs for ever, with one feather Bed & one Case of Drawers ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Item,-- I give & Bequeath unto my Loving Daughter Elisabeth, Sixteen one feather Bed & one spare sheet, with two Silver Spoon, & Mark, d. 5 & 6 and after my wife's Decease I give her my Neger wench Jenny; to be to her & her heirs for ever ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Item,-- I give & Bequeath unto my grand child Rebecca Bryant Daughter to my son Nicholas Bryant Twenty Pounds Proclamation Money to be, to her paid, By my Executors when she arrives at the age of sixteen years; & in case she should die, Before that age, I give & Bequeath 5 Twenty pounds to my grand child Rebecca Daughter to my son John Bryant, to her at age ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Lastly I do hereby Nominate constitute & appoint my Beloved wife, with my Loving son John Bryant, & my Trusty Friend William Thomson, all of the County of Corbitt, to be my Executors, to this my Last will & Testament to see the same faithfully performed, according to the true intent & meaning thereof & I do hereby revoke Disallow & make void all other wills or Testaments by me heretofore made, Ratifying this & no other to be my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my Name & affixed my Seal this Eighteen Day of the fourth month otherwise called April, One thousand, seven hundred, & Sixty Six 166 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Witnessed, Seal, d. & Delivered,

in Presence of

Jesse Jones

Rebecca Jones

Jane Thomson

Nicholas Bryant,---

Carters

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Test Tho L. Read, L. S. C

This may certify that the within will was proved in Open Court by the oath of Jesse Jones one of the subscribing witnesses
where
December Court 1766

In the Name of Jesus Amen I John Benthall Senr of Louisa County in the Province of North Carolina being sick and weak in Body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my Body that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and Ordain this my Last Will & Testament in Manner and form Following (Viz) I commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it Hoping through the merits and Mediation of my blessed Saviour to receive free pardon off all my sins, And my body to be Buried in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the Generall Resurrection, I shall receive the same again, and as to such Worldly Goods or Estate as it has pleased God to Endow me with, I give and Dispose of as hereafter mentioned viz

First I give unto my son John Benthall Junr, One Shilling Sterling which I intend shall be his full part of my Estate ~ ~ ~

2nd I give unto John Meddows Senr One Hundred acres of Land lying in the fork of Newport River joining the Southwest branch of said fork and extending to the Westermont line of said Patent Including the Southwest part of the same for Compliment to him and his heirs For Ever ~ ~ ~

3rd I give unto my Loving Brother Reubin Benthall all the remaining part of my Land on the fork of said Newport River, Including Nine Hundred and forty acres by Patents bearing date October 30th 1765 & September the 26th 1766 To him the said Reubin Benthall and his heirs For Ever ~ ~ ~

4 I give unto my said Brother Reubin Benthall the Plantation whereon I now dwell with all the Land belonging to the same, Including Two Hundred and five acres, being part of a Tract of Land Granted by Patent to John Harmon, & by Transferences become my property, which I give to said Reubin Benthall & his heirs For Ever,

5 I give and Bequeath unto my said Brother Reubin Benthall all the remaining part of my Estate which is not heretofore particularly mentioned to him & his heirs forever.

Lastly for the Better Executing this my Will I
Nominate and appoint my said Brother Reubin
Benthall, my Sole Executor to the same, Utterly
Revoking & Denying all Wills before made or intended
to be made by me. Acknowledging this and
no other to be and contain my Last Will and
Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my Seal this 5th
Day of December Anno Domini 1773.

Sign'd Seal'd Published } John Benthall (Seal)
and Decaled in Presence of }
Abraham Shepard +
Samuel Sanders
Sarah ^{for} Neithercot
mark

Carters December Court These may Certify
that the foregoing Will was proved in Open
Court by the Oath of Abraham Shepard
a Subscribing Witness thereto ~
Test Rob Reed. C. Court.

In the Name of God amen, I Reubin Benthall of
Carters County in the Province of North Carolina a
planter being weak in Body but of sound mind and
Memory and calling to mind the Mortality of my Body
that it is appointed unto all men once to die do
make and ordain this my Last will and Testament in
Manner and form following Viz. I commend my soul
into the Hands of almighty God that giveth life hoping
through the merits and mediation of my Blessed Saviour
to receive free pardon of all my sins and that my
Body to be Buried in a Christian like Manner at the
Discretion of my Executors, Nothing Doubting but at
the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again
and to such Worldly Goods or Estate as it has pleased
God To Endow me with I Give and dispose of as
hereafter mentioned - - - - -

First: I give unto my My Wife Sarah Benthall all my
Land during her Lifetime or Widowhood and If she
should marry again then only the plantation and two
hundred acres joining it whereon I now dwell during
her lifetime. Likewise all my Stock and Household
furniture her Lifetime or Widowhood and If she
marry again then only one third part of the same stock
and furniture her lifetime -

2nd I Give unto my Two Sons Thomas & Reubin Benthall
my Land on East side of Northwest Branch to be
Equally - Between them and their heirs for ever - - -

3rd I Give unto my Sons Jacob & John Benthall my
Land on the West side of Northwest Branch joining
Thomas & Reubin Benthall an Equal Complement
and their heirs forever.

4 I Give my Son Abraham Benthall my Plantation
whereon I now dwell and the two hundred acres
of Land joining it after his Mothers Demise and
his heirs for ever - - - - -

5th After my Wifes Decease with the Gift after mentioned
I Leave my Lands & Moveables to be Equally Divided
Amongst all my Children and their heirs for ever.