

In the name of God Amen, this fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord 1762, I John Piggott of the Province of North Carolina, to the hands of the learned Planter, being sick, in Body, but of sound mind and memory, do hereby solemnly declare, that I am fully sensible of the uncertain estate of this transitory life, and that all I have is but a breath, when it shall please God to take, do make & declare this my Last Will & Testament in manner and form following, first being penitent & sorry for all my sins, most humbly praying for forgiveness for the same, I commend my soul into the hands of God my Saviour & Redeemer, in whose name and by whose merit I trust & believe assuredly to be saved, and to have full remission of forgiveness for all my sins and to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the burial of my Executors hereafter named, and as for the settling of my personal estate, and such houses & chattels and debts as it behooves me to do, I do hereby declare upon me, I give order & dispose of the same in manner & form following (that is to say) I give & bequeath to Isabella my beloved wife all my household goods, my two work houses with ploughs & all other appurtenances thereto belonging, the plantation I am now living on I also lend to my wife during her natural life.

I give and bequeath to my son Oliver and his heirs for ever the plantation I am now living on at my wife's death, and my gun more and all the cattle that is in his proper name, one gun and one saddle (that is my riding saddle)

I give and bequeath to my son John & his heirs for ever one hundred acres, land on Reds Creek and four cows & calves four or five saddle & one mare called Fly, also one young horse called Spriggle.

I give and bequeath to my son William & his heirs for ever one hundred acres land lying on Reds Creek and one mare called piggon, four cows & calves, and one that is in his own name & four saddle one old saddle

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Isabella & my three youngest sons all the remaining part of my cattle to be equally divided amongst them, I also give to my wife all the remaining part of my horse it is my will and desire in the first place that my three eldest sons & an equal part with my wife out of all my debts.

And I hereby make and appoint my Loving friends Stephen Lee Esq^r Capt Robert Bankhouse and Thomas Austin Esq^r full and sole Executors of this my Last Will & Testament, hereby Revoking, disannulling and making void all former Wills and Requests by me made, and declaring this to be my Last Will & Testament, In Witness whereof

have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above written.

John Piggott
Signed, sealed, published, declared & pronounced by the said John Piggott to be his last will and Testament in the presence of
Jabez ^{Lee} Markes
Joseph Anster
John Chapman

North Carolina
Charlotte County August Court 1762.
Present this my Lords Justice.

Then was the Last Will and Testament of John Piggott read & proved in open Court by the oath of John Chapman one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto who swore that he saw the Testator sign and deliver this to be his Last Will and Testament and that he was of sound mind and disposing memory, and that he also saw Jabez Markes and Joseph Anster sign as Concurring Witnesses with him. And at the same time came into Court John Bankhouse Esq^r one of the Executors in the said Will named and qualified by taking the oath he was appointed. Ordered that the Secretary have Notice that Letters Testamentary come accordingly.

Test Wm. Robertson C. J. 6