

State of No. Carolina Bartlett County I William Brees of the County & State aforesaid being very sick but of a sound & disposing memory Thanks be to God for the same looking to End it is a Pained for all men once to Die also considering the uncertainty of Life I make this my Last will & Testament in the first Place I Recommend my soul to all mighty God that governs me & my Body to be Buried at the Discretion of my Executors & as for Touching my worldly Estate that God has bin Pleased to Bless me with I give and Bequeath it in the following manner and form.

Item, I lend to my dearly beloved wife Mary Brees the use of all my Lands houses & plantations whereon I now Live during his widowhood then at his managers day of deice I give my Land as follows I give to my son David Brees the house & Plantation whereon John Heris formerly Lived on &c. I give I give to my son William Brees of Land & Plantations I bought William B. I give I give to my son James Brees the house and Plantation whereon I now Live --- I also give to my three sons David Brees William Brees & James Brees the whole of my Woodling Land belonging to this Plantation I have all Redy given away to be Equely Divided in quantity & quality between them three as it may join this Plantation I also give to my three sons David, William & James my New Surveys of Back Land to be Equely Divided between them three David, William & James Brees to them and their Heirs for Ever ---

Item I gave to my Daughter Annay Brees fifty pounds Lawful money of this st. to be paid to her at her Marriadg Day to be paid by the Executors administrators or assigns to be paid out of the movable property of my sd. Estate or at the Decease of my Loving wife Sarah Brees or Marriadg or Either of them, my will and Desire is that all the rest of my Estate that is not all Redy given? Brees James Brees and Annay Brees to them and their Heirs for Ever I now Nominate and appoint my friends my whole and Soule of my Estate as Executor my Loving Wife Sarah Brees Executors and also David Brees and David Russell my Executors in Witness where of I have hereunto Set my Hand

and first my Seal this 20th Day of December anno 1798

Witness Saml Sanders

Isabel Russell

Ass. Halli

Nathan ^{Esq} Joiner

William Brees

February term 1798.

The above Will was proved in Open Court by the oath of Isabel Russell and that he saw Samuel Sanders & Nathan Joiner Subscribing Witnesses sign the same David Brees Impleaded as an Executor,

Attest- Benj^a Fulford C. C.

In the Name of God Amen. This twenty Second day of October 1798 I Solomon Bell of Blawie Creek in Bartlett County being in a low State of health and weak in Body but of sound mind do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in Manner following

That is I give all my Estate and interest after my just Debts are paid to be the equal property of my wife and Children to be in in my wifes hands as long as she is able to keep and provide for our two Children, without alienating her right or diminishing the interest. If it should otherwise happen my will and desire is that a three fold Division may be made of the Estate and other effects, the Children share ascertained and laid apart as their property for their proper use.

And whereas a piece of land on the head of Harlow Creek is intended for me and a deed to be made for the same by Lemish Welsh Esq. It is therefore my desire that a deed may be made for the same to my son Owen and his heirs being a right for my wife Sheldah to live upon it during her life time without interruption. Whereas if my wife Sheldah should quit the place it is my request that she said land and improvements may be taken in possession by my said son Owen or other wise or otherwise for the use of him and his heirs.

And for the discharge of my just debts &c. my will is that such things as may be most conveniently spared out of my interest may be disposed of or made in payment by a Candid and disinterested Valuation for that purpose, and no part to be sold at public