

On the name of God Amen. I Elizabeth
History of Chatham County and State of North Carolina
do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in
manner and form as follows (WIT) First I give my soul
to God who gave it to me. I leave my son John James
Executor to this my last Will and Testament for him after
my death to sell all my Estate that I have, not previously
given away in my life time and divide the Money after paying
all my Just debts amongst John Sawyer, Nancy Miller, John
Cotton, Polly Hastings, Patsy Clark and Elizabeth Linn
all to have an equal part after giving my daughter Priscilla
Sturby the sum of Five Shillings. In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of October in
the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and one

Elizabeth History

Per a August before 1820

In presence of
Lorawan Holman
Patsy Wilson
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+ In the name of God. Amen. I John Bellmont 31
of the County of Chatham & State of North Carolina do make
publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in
the manner and form following.
I give and bequeath to my two Daughters Cornelia
and Martha Ann Melane & their heirs forever the following
property to be equally divided between them agreeable to
value when ever either of them shall marry or come to lawful
age viz all my land with its appurtenances lying on Hickory
Mountain in the County of Chatham the whole of my Negroes
with their increase until that time. If I mistake not at
this time thirty two in number & twelve shares of Stock
which I hold in the Cape Fear Navigation Company.
Then I give and bequeath to my Daughter Cornelia Melane
my Mahogany Bed room two beds and furniture & six Windsor
Chairs. - Then I give and bequeath to my Daughter
Martha Ann Melane six Windsor Chairs two beds and
furniture and one Bed room equal in value to Cornelia's
to be purchased for her when she arrives at the age of
fourteen years. Then I give and bequeath to my father
John Melane and to my father in law Joseph John
Stiles each the Rifle Gun which I had from them
And. It is my will that my Executors as soon as may be
convenient after my death sell at public sale to the
highest bidder on a Credit of twelve months the whole of
my Stock of Horses, Cattle, hogs & likewise my Crop with
every other article of property not herein specially bequeathed
or disposed of & that of the proceeds thereof as good any other
funds I may have at death they pay off all my Just
debts - It is my earnest desire and request that Executors