

to be equally divided between my two sons before mentioned
 Nevertheless if my Wife should prove to be with Child and
 it to turn if it be a male Child then it is my Will that my
 other two sons shall pay the said Child one hundred dollars
 each of them, but if a female Child to be made equal to
 the other females. I do herein and appoint my friend
 Jesse Hinshaw and son Isaac my whole and sole Executor
 and Trustees of this my last Will and Testament to aid in
 my stead: And do strictly charge them to do according
 as it is here set forth; And I do hereby acknowledge this
 and no other to be my last Will and Testament. Signed
 sealed the day & year above written

in the presence of us
 Jacob Hinshaw
 John Davis

Benjamin Abarkane

Witness my hand
 this 18th day of May 1812
 by John Davis

In the name of God amen. I Henry Gray
 of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina
 being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thank
 be to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body and
 knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make
 and enact this my last Will and Testament. That is to
 say principally and first of all. I give and recommend
 my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it
 and my Predecessors to the earth to be buried in a
 decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors

She is touching such worldly estate which with the
 pleasure God to bless me in this life, I give and bequeath
 in the following manner. I give and bequeath
 Sarah (Bray) my dearly beloved Wife, one Negro
 by the name of Winy, also one Negro fellow by
 name of Harry, also one Negro Boy by the name
 of Eliza, also one Horse by the name of Buck
 one Mare by the name of Ball, Brule, Wand
 two Ploughs and Sars, Four Hoes, and two other
 and other articles such as is needful at our farm
 six head of cattle, six head of sheep and as many
 Hogs as will be sufficient for her, also the plantation
 where she now lives or a match of it as will be
 sufficient for her to support. also two Bees and
 three, also a match Household furniture as she
 can to keep. I give and bequeath unto my
 John Bray one tract of Land where his son John
 now lives, price seven hundred Dollars, also the
 where the said John Bray now lives, two hundred
 fifty Acres price five hundred Dollars, also one
 Negro Woman by the name of Calo, price two hundred
 and twenty five Dollars, also one Negro Boy by the
 name of Ephraim, price three hundred Dollars
 also one hundred and fifty three Cask of the
 store where John Lambert has the other half
 price one thousand Dollars to him and his
 heirs forever

I give and bequeath unto my son Matthew Bray
 one tract of Land where he now lives containing three hundred
 Acres, price six hundred Dollars, also two tracts adjoining
 price five hundred Dollars, also tract of Land where
 Thomas (Younger) you to live price five hundred and twenty
 five Dollars, also one Negro Woman by the name of
 Pleasant price three hundred and twenty five Dollars
 also, one Negro Boy by the name of Jacob, price three
 hundred Dollars to him and his heirs forever.
 I give and bequeath unto my son James Bray
 one tract of Land containing four hundred and fifty
 five Acres, where he now lives, price nine hundred
 Dollars, also one tract of Land where Ebenezer Bray
 son you to live, containing two hundred and twenty five
 Acres, price four hundred Dollars, also one hundred
 Acres adjoining the other, price one hundred Dollars
 also, one Negro Woman by the name of Harriet price
 three hundred and twenty five Dollars, also one Negro
 Boy by the name of Dake, price three hundred Dollars
 to him and his heirs forever. I give to my son
 William Bray, one tract of Land containing one
 hundred and twenty five Acres, where he lives price
 six hundred and fifty Dollars, also one tract adjoining
 the other, one hundred and twenty Acres price two hundred
 and twenty Dollars, also one tract of Land
 beginning at the head of a Glade known by the

name of the Big Blade - down said Blade to the
 Road that leads from Cape Wray to John Sider's then
 East to Smith's line then North Round for to connect
 the stone place & price Five Hunard. and fifty dollar
 also one Negro Woman by the name of Diley price
 Three Hunard and twenty five Dollars. also one my
 Gaint. Nancy price 125 Dollars. also one Negro man
 by the name of Joe price Four Hunard and twenty
 five dollar to him and his Wife forever

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my son Henry Wray
 one Tract of Land where he now lives. containing
 Hunard and forty six Acres. price Eight Hunard
 Dollars. also two tracts where he used to live one
 Gracia Hatchers old place. price Seven Hunard Dollars
 also one Negro Woman by the name of Chels. price
 Three Hunard and twenty five Dollars. also one
 Negro Boy by the name of Aaron. price One Hunard
 and twenty five Dollars. also two Tracts of Land
 where he now lives containing three Hunard fifty
 acres price Seven Hunard Dollars to him this his part

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary
 Lambent. three Acker principled one Shomana Acker
 Interest thirty six Dollars 1/2. also one of Land where
 Benjamin Johnston now lives. price Four Hunard Dollars
 also one Negro Woman by the name of Luce. price
 three Hunard Dollars. also two Negro Girls by the
 name of Luck and Henry price three Hunard Dollars

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Item Agins and bysath unto my Daughter Sarah Mithers
 back of Lanza when she now lives her life time, lying on the
 Herard's Branch; beginning at a Rock near the fork of
 the Branch then up the up the Branch to the fork, then
 up the (fork) fork to the Herard then along the road to
 the fork of a small Branch, then up the branch to a north
 fork then North to the East and West line of said
 Creek running East including the New place contain-
 ing five hundred and eighty Acres price seven hundred
 Dollars, the right of the said Lanza to remain in the hand
 of the Executors to be made to the Heirs of her body, to
 remain in possession of the said Sarah and Abigail
 her husband, her life time; and then to ascend to her heirs
 also one Negro Girl by the name of Aggie price three
 hundred Dollars, which shall remain in the power of
 the executors to lend to the said Sarah and Abigail
 her husband her life time, except her above said
 to be taken and hired out, and the Money to ascend
 to her at her decease, also the said Negro to ascend
 to her heirs; also one tract adjoining the other Land
 containing two hundred Acres price twenty five dollars
 also a part of the tract where Snow live, beginning at
 Lanza's line a little below the old bridge that is on the
 South prong little Branch Creek, running down said
 Creek till it comes near the Saw Mill, then crossing
 one acre of Land the most convenient for the mill
 yard and privilege for a Road, through to the
 mill, and then to the creek, and then with various corners

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of the creek to Littlelaner's line then south with a
line to the corner Pine, then East to Harlan's branch
rock the first station of the above mentioned tract
580 acres, then up the branch with the various corners
of the other tract to the North corner then West to
Lanier's corner, then North to the creek the being
Seven hundred and fifty Dollars all under and
privilege with two from her and her husband
the death of her Mother and then privilege given
her for life time and to come to the heirs of her body
also I give to her son Henry one slave, which is to be
in the power of the Executors to permit any grand
Sale of the said slave till the said Henry shall be
of age that that shall have the use of the said slave
till the said Henry is of age, price Sixty Five Dollars
which is to be deducted out of her part, to
make her equal with the rest of my heirs as to be
in property and money. Item, I give and bequeath
my son John Bray one tract of Land whereon he
now lives containing Two hundred and fifty Acres
Seven hundred and fifty Dollars, also part of another tract
between his other tract and William Bray's line
price Four hundred and fifty Dollars, also the my
slave by the name of Dave price Four hundred
and fifty Dollars to him and his heirs forever
Item, I give and bequeath with my son John Bray
one tract of Land and Mills containing Four hundred
and eighty acres price Eleven hundred Dollars

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also the tract adjoining the other Two hundred and thirty
Seven price Three hundred dollars, also the Negro slaves by
the name of George price Four fifty Dollars, also one
Negro Slave by the name of Polly Two hundred Dollars
to him and his heirs forever. — Item, I give I bequeath
to my son Solomon Bray his equal part of my estate with
the rest of my heirs, only that there shall be a reduction
of Two hundred which is to be paid to his Daughter
Polly that he had by his Wife Hannah, the Daughter
of Peter Cravens of Randolph County: the said Two
hundred Dollars to be left in the hands of my Executors
till the said Polly shall arrive at Lawful age, and
then come to her; and also a reduction of the debt and
time to my Estate. I give unto the said Solomon one
Negro slave by the name of David at the price of
Four hundred and fifty Dollars in part payment of
the above sum: One half of the balance to be paid
in Cash and the other half to be paid in property when
legally demanded by my Executors. Item, I give and
bequeath with my son Edward Bray Two hundred
Dollars out of my whole estate to be paid when called
on a call for; and if the said Edward Bray should
die without a lawful heir, I desire this money should
be equally divided among my heirs. My desire is that
the remainder of my ^{estate} ~~property~~ to be so divided as to
make them even equis in ^{part} ~~part~~ Edward also it is my
desire that the property that I left to my Wife a Son

assets shall be equit divided among my Wirs.

Again I do hereby ennomate and appoint my son Henry
Dyer and Eli my whole and sole Executors of this my
last Will and Testament, also reasonable allowance to
be made to them for their trouble and if any dispute
should arise it to be left to one Magistrate and two
or three Freeholders to settle the same. In Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
Seal this Eleventh day of January 1812.

Signa and Seals in the
presence of
Isaac Schuster
Hanes

Henry Dyer

Eli

In the name of God amen I Thomas Wier
of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina
though weak and low in health yet of sound & perfect mind
and memory. beplea to God, on the Eleventh day of Jan
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
twelve make and publish this my last Will and Testament
in manner following: To the immortal part of my
Soul, my precious soul I commend to God who gave
it; and pray him to receive it in peace for Christ's
sake — The mortal part of my body I wish to be buried
not sumptuously, interred, in a Christian manner
according to the custom of the Country and at the
direction of my executor herein after mentioned.
As touching my worldly concerns it is my wish that