

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  
Cox, Polly Hastings, Patsey, Eliza 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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  
Patsey Wilson  
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+ In the name of God. Amen. I John Rollins 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

32. Attention be paid by the Guardians of my Children  
to their literary, Moral & Religious education and that  
the attendant expence be paid out of the proceeds of my  
estate - I hereby publish and declare this as my last will  
& testament after first having appointed my father John  
Melane and my father in law Joseph John. Alston  
executors thereof and request them to become Guardians  
of my Children. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand and Seal this thirteenth day of July A.D. 1820  
Done in the presence of  
James Melane  
Wm. R. Melane.

J. M. Melane

In the name of God. Amen. I William Prince of  
Chatham County being of sound and perfect mind and  
memory (Blessed be God) do this Ninth day of June in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty  
make and publish this my last will and testament in  
manner following (that is to say) First. I give and bequeath  
to my loving Wife Elizabeth the following negroes viz, Tony  
Amy, Moss, & Cindy with all her Children also my Best Man-  
car Choice Bed & furniture One hundred Dollars of <sup>the</sup> money  
due me here and my claim in Virginia - Secondly I will  
that my Executor sell all the residue of my Estate of whatever  
kind it may be at Publick Sale (except one little negro girl  
Easter which I have before given to William Nicholas Prince  
& pay my debt out of the proceeds thereof and the balance  
if any to go to the heirs of my sister Mary Lawrence  
lawfully begotten of her body. Thirdly I will that my Executor  
keep my property together & finish the crop now growing  
before he sell it at a good dinick and then include it  
with the rest of my property which I want disposed of in  
the same way.