

102 Chatham County This certifies that the foregoing  
February 1840 last Will and Testament of the  
testator was proved in open Court

February Term 1840 by the oath of Stephen Mann &  
Joseph Scott the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be  
recorded whereupon Same P Morris entered into bond with  
the testator annexed with Stephen Mann & Joseph Scott  
his securities and was duly qualified

Test. M. H. Stearn and C. C.

Whereas I Simon White of the County of Chatham  
and State of North Carolina being of perfect mind  
and memory but weak in body and being sensible of  
the mortification of the body do make and ordain this my  
last Will and Testament by Will and Desire after my  
caused that all my just debts with my funeral expenses paid  
out of my Estate by my Executors hereafter named  
I will and bequeath unto my four daughters namely  
Hannah, Catharine, Mary and Pleasant six hundred  
Dollars to be equally divided among them the four above daughters  
to have share and share alike

I will and bequeath all of my Land and Goods belonging  
to me to my sons and daughters namely William, Tom,  
John, Simon, Hannah Catharine Mary and Pleasant to be  
equally divided amongst the above eight children who  
being paid to improvements and the quantity of the land  
so as to have share and share alike in value

I will that my son William pay to my Estate one hundred  
and twenty dollars

My Will and desire is that my Executors give all my land  
that chooses to live at my place of abode a sufficient  
quantity of provision for a support one year

My Will and desire is that my Executors sell all my  
perishable property and household and kitchen furniture  
and all other things belonging to my Estate without  
or private sale so as to make what to the best advantage  
the proceeds therefrom with all the Cash Money and  
account that the money given at my decease after  
just expenses and what I have willed away is paid off

103 of my Estate to be equally divided amongst my eight  
children (namely) William, Samuel, John, Simon  
Hannah Catharine Mary and Pleasant each to have  
share and share alike

I constitute and appoint my son William and any  
friend Nathaniel Newlin Executor to this my last  
Will and Testament and I give him power to my last  
and seal this eighteenth day of the twelve month  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and thirty two

Signed in the presence of his White mark  
St. Williams (Signed)  
William Lafforn

Chatham County This certifies that the foregoing  
February 1840 last Will and Testament  
of Simon White in two ways  
proved in Open Court at February Term 1840  
and proved by the oath of Fred Williams one of  
the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be  
recorded - The executor Nat. Newlin one of the executors  
therein named appeared in Open Court and  
was duly qualified Test. M. H. Stearn and C. C.

In the name of God amen I Edwards Rivers of  
the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina  
being of sound and perfect mind and memory  
do this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord Eighty  
Two hundred and thirty nine make and publish this  
my last will and testament in manner and forms  
following (viz) first my Will and desire is that my  
Executors herein after named pay all my just debts  
secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife  
Mary Rivers during her life and half of that  
tract of Land wherein I now live divided by