

In the name of God amen I William
 Guthrie of the County of Chatham and
 State of North Carolina knowing that
 it is appointed for all men once to die and
 being desirous of settling my worldly affairs
 in such manner as I think will be best
 for my family do make publish and
 declare this to be my last will and testament
 Item I give to my beloved wife the tract
 of land whereon I reside all my negroes
 not otherwise disposed of all my stock of
 Horses Cattle sheep Hogs &c all my household
 and Kitchen furniture Black Smith and
 farming tools waggon Gear &c to have hold
 possess and enjoy the same during her natural
 life and at her death I devise the same as
 follows To my son Hugh B Guthrie I give
 the plantation & lands whereon I reside and
 the following negroes to wit John Joe Peggy
 Rose Nanny and George together with all the
 rest of the property which I have willed to
 his mother except the negroes my intention
 being to give Hugh such negroes only as I
 mentioned specially in this clause of my will
 it is my desire that my son Hugh shall reside
 with his mother untill her death but if he should
 leave her he may take with him three of his negroes
 namely John Peggy and Nanny Item to my son
 James I give three Negroes namely Abram Ann
 & Popsy to be his absolutely at my death and
 upon the death of his mother I give one half
 of my negroes which I have not given to George

& Hugh also one Feather Bed

Item to my son German I give three
negros namely Nelson Alpha & Harry
to be his absolutely at my death and one
half of the balance of my negros which I have
not given to James & Hugh and also one
feather Bed at the death of his mother

Item it is my desire that if any of my negros
should have children after the execution of this
will that the increase shall go with the
mother

Item I authorise my Executor to sell as much
of my crop stock or provisions which I have
given to my wife as may be sufficient to pay
my just debts and funeral expences

I appoint my son Hugh Executor to this
my last will & Testament signed sealed
published and declared on the 14th day of April
A.D. 1840

in presence of us

Jno S Guthrie
Mial Mumble

William Guthrie

Chatham County } May Term 1850

This certifies that the foregoing last will and
testament of Mr. Guthrie was duly proven by the
oath of Mial Mumble one of the subscribing witness
for thereof ordered to be recorded whereupon
B. Guthrie the executor therein named appeared in
open court & was qualified as such

Test M. Taylor & C.

In the name of God Amen I Robert Pal-
mer of the County of Chatham & State of North Car-
olina being of sound & disposing mind & memory
do make ordain publish & declare this to be my
last will & testament in manner & form following
hereby revoking all wills by me at any time hereto-
fore made & declaring this & this only to be my true
& lawful last will & testament

First I command my soul to God who gave it & my
body to the earth from which it was taken to be buried
in a manner suited to my circumstances in life

Item I give & devise to my wife Nancy one third of the
tract of land on which I now live including the
dwelling house & all the out houses, to have & to hold
to her for and during her natural life & at her death
I give & devise the same to my son Robert W. Palmer &
his heirs forever I also give to my said wife the following
negros (viz) Betty Redick & John & the increase they
may hereafter have to have & to hold to her & her heirs
absolutely Item I ratify & confirm the gift which

I have heretofore made by deed to my son John Jos-
eph Palmer of the tract of land which I purchased
of Philip Alston I also give & bequeath to my son
John Joseph all the negros which I have heretofore
put into his possession & the increase that they have
had since they have been in his possession as well as
that they may hereafter have to have & to hold to him
& his heirs forever Item I give & devise to my son

John Joseph Palmer & to his executors & administrators
the tract of land that I purchased of Philip White
also all the negros that I have heretofore put into the
possession of my son Lemuel W. Palmer & the increase