

In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Roberts of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being at this time in my proper Senses and of a Sound Memory do call to Mind the Uncertain State of this transitory life and knowing that all flesh must speed to death when it shall please God to Call us off to make Consistent and Ordain and declare this to be my last will and Testament in Manner and form following

Revoking by this presents all and every testament Will or Wills heretofore Made by Me Made and declared either by word or writing, and this writing to be good in law, and this to be taken as my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

I desire that all my Just debts to be punctually paid

First I desire and bequest unto my beloved wife Selvey Roberts all my tract of land lying on the West side of Bush creek during her life or Widowhood, and for my son Zachary or to have his Residence on the s<sup>d</sup> tract of land while he first born son I shall arrive to the age of twenty one and then I desire it to him and if he should die before he arrives to the age of twenty one the s<sup>d</sup> land belongs to his Father Zachary for ever

My desire is that James Roberts have one dollar Ninchen Roberts one dollar, Aaron Roberts one dollar, Richard Roberts one dollar, Mary Roberts one feather bed and furniture, Dethy Roberts one feather bed Furniture, Rebecca Roberts one feather bed Furniture

To my beloved wife Selvey one feather bed and furniture which we are now occupying and two Corners Cullhad and the land where John Archibald now lives I wish to be sold to the highest bidder, and all the rest of my personal property and the money after my debts is paid, taken and divided between my wife Selvey and Jonathan Roberts and Elizabeth Roberts and Samuel Roberts & Benjamin and Elizabeth Archibald each one dollar, Elias Roberts and Gordon Brin Roberts and Lewis Roberts and Zachary

Roberts and Mary Roberts and Margaret Leucus and Dethy Roberts, and Rebecca Roberts, and for my grand son Thomas Roberts to have Twenty dollars worth of clothing

I also do appoint the Reverend William Allen and my wife Selvey Roberts my Executors to this my last Will and Testament

In Witness Whereunto I set my hand and affixed my seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1826

Signed and acknowledged in presence of

of C. Warrington  
 G. Roberts

Samuel Roberts Seal

In the Name of God Amen I William Branton of the State of North Carolina in the County of Chatham, being of sound and perfect mind and memory (helped by God) though feeble in body and considering the Uncertainty of human life do this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 1828 make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following

that is to say First I recommend my soul to God who gave it and that my body be decently buried - secondly that all my debts be paid - Thirdly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Pilly Branton all the land on Newhope where I formerly lived if the same can be redeemed from Benjamin Gueter who purchased it at Shufflesbills on Monday last at Pittsborough and I also give and bequeath to her all other property that I have and all debts due or owing the principal of which is a debt I have authorized John W. Ryzum to institute against Robert Clayton to obtain a Judgment with damages to her own use and benefit. And I also give and bequeath to her the right of Redemption to any negro boy slave by the name of Ben mortgaged to William Casley -

And they by make and ordain my worthy friend Frederick Collins Executor to this my last Will and Testament

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Testament. - In Witness whereof I the said William Branton have  
to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the  
day and Year above written <sup>his</sup> William V Branton Seal  
Signed sealed published and declared <sup>mark</sup>  
By the said William Branton to the  
Testator as his last Will and Testament  
in the presence of us who were present at the signing and sealing thereof

Wm Byrum (Seal)  
Rebecca <sup>his</sup> ~~Byrum~~ <sup>mark</sup>  
Thomas Williams (Seal)

November Session 1828

The foregoing Last Will and Testament of Wm Branton duly  
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and Thomas Williams, Subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon  
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Carolina do hereby make public and declare the following to be  
my last Will & testament after paying all my just debts, I will  
and bequeath my Real & Personal estate as follows to wit,  
I will and bequeath to my daughter Flora Maister Widow of William  
Martin esquire of Moore County a Negro boy named Wallace &  
twenty dollars in full of her share or part of my estate or property  
I will & bequeath to my daughter Catherine Cameron of Fayetteville  
& to her children by her present husband wife of John A Cameron of  
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