

## NORTH CAROLINA.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Mary Conway, of the Town of New Bern, in the province aforesaid, Widow, being sick and weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, thanks be to God for the same, Do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following: (that is to say), First and principally, I recommend my Soul to Almighty God that Gave it, and my body to be decently interr'd at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named; and as to the little worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with, I Give and dispose thereof as follows:

I Give and bequeath unto Margaret Gordon, Daughter of Mrs. Mary Gordon, One large Gold Ring, and my clouded silk sack and petticoat, as a token of my friendly regard to her.

Item. I Give and bequeath unto Susannah Wrenford, Wife of Edmund Wrenford, and Elizabeth Elmsley, all the rest and residue of my wearing apparel, silk and Linen, she the said Susannah Wrenford, first making choice of such part thereof as she shall think proper.

Item. It is my will and desire that my Executors hereafter, Do and shall sell and dispose of all my Household ffurniture, together with a Lott of Land in the said Town of New Bern, bought of John Fowler, in order to pay and satisfy my just Debts and Funeral expences, but if the same is found not

sufficient for that purpose, that in such case they sell and dispose of such other parts of my personal Estate as may be most useless to my Son, William Conway, when he shall attain the Age of Twenty one Years, or they shall in their discretion think proper, earnestly recommending to them, if possible, to preserve and keep together all such Negroe Slaves as I may die possessed of, to the intent that they may be hired out for the benefit of my said son, and defraying the charges of his maintenance and Education during his Minority.

Item. I Give and devise and bequeath unto my said Son, William Conway, all and singular, my plantations, Lands, Houses and Lotts, in the Town of New Bern, aforesaid, and also my Negroe Slaves, male and female, together with two pair of Gold Buttons, and the residue of my Gold rings, when and as soon as he shall attain the Age of Twenty one Years, but if my said Son, William Conway, shall happen to die before he shall so attain the Age of Twenty one years as aforesaid, I Give, devise and bequeath unto my Esteemed Friend, Edmund Wrenford, All and Singular, my said plantations, houses and Lotts in the Town of New Bern, as aforesaid, to Hold to him, his Heirs and Assigns for ever. And I do earnestly intreat my Executors to pay a strict regard to the Educating of my said Son in such manner as shall be necessary to qualify him for such Business or profession as his Genius shall most incline to.

Lastly, I do hereby Nominate, Constitute and appoint my Good friends, John Hawks; Esquire, and the said Edmund Wrenford, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made, declaring this to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Seventeenth day of August, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand, seven hundred and seventy four.

MARY CONWAY. (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by the said Testatrix, as and for her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who in her presence, and at her request, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our Names as Witnesses hereto:

JOHN BONNER.  
JOSEPH DOWSE,  
HENRY VIPON.