

Craven County.

In the name of God, Amen, William Arenton, of Craven County, and province of North Carolina, Planter, being in perfect sound mind and memory, thanks be to God, for calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, do make and declare this to be my last will and testament, in manner and form following.

First, I recommend my soul unto the Almighty God who gave it, hoping for pardon for all my sins through the merits and mercy of Jesus Christ my Saviour and redeemer in, and my body to the earth, and as for my temporal estate which it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I give and dispose of the same in manner and form:

Imprimis. My will and design is that my well beloved wife Mary Arenton have the use of the plantation whereon I now live during the time of her life.

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Mary Arenton one third part of all my estate of horses, cattle and hogs and household goods to her and her heirs for ever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my three children, Rebecca, Mary and Leah Arenton, all the rest of my estate to be equally divided amongst them when they come to age or marriage.

Lastly. I do hereby nominate, constitute, ordain and appoint my friend Henry Shippard executor of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow and make void all in every other Will or wills, legacies and bequests heretofore done or made, ratifying and confirming this and no over to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof he hath hereunto set his hand and seal this 23rd day of January 1761.

W. A. (His seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared bt the said William Arenton to be and contain his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers.
Edmund Hatch
Martin Shippard

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