

In the name of God. Amen:

I Robert Roman of Holly-brook in the county of Cumberland being in a very weak and declining state of health, which makes it probable that the day of my dissolution is not far hence. Do make and ordain this to be my last Will & Testament in manner and form following. That is to say.

First. My just debts I would wish to be paid as soon as possible after my decease, and for which purpose I do hereby empower my Executors hereafter named to dispose of my Horses Cattle Sheep and such other moveables as they may think proper, my Western lands and 50 acres on Richland creek more especially.

2<sup>dly</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan, not my house and lot in Fayetteville where Mr. Motten at present resides and lying between the lots of Doctor M. Queen and Mr. Vance on old street.

3<sup>dly</sup> I give and bequeath to my step son William Berry Grove my lot of ground on Brown street joining M. Raiford beginning at M. Raiford's corner on the street and running along said street 106 feet to Bottoms corner, thence conti-

Witness my hand  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
Jan 1877

State of North Carolina  
Cumberland County

January Term 1877

Then was this Will proven by the oaths of  
Ezra and David Evans for the subscribing  
witnesses - Ordered to be recorded.

Attest William Jones, C. C.

continuing the same width or distance from Mr. Briford's line till it strikes the back line over the swamp, and my request is the rest of my said lot be added to my son Tommy's given him by the late Doctor Ingram.

4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to Susannah my beloved wife the plantation called Holly-brook, with all or such a part of my movables as she may wish to keep, and the following negroes, to wit Dick Phillips, Geesee, Jem and Wallis, to be held by her during the term of her natural life.

5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son Thomas after the decease of his mother, should he outlive her, the aforesaid plantation called Holly-brook also the above mentioned negroes or the survivors of them, to wit Dick Phillips, Geesee, Jem and Wallis.

6<sup>th</sup> I also give and bequeath to my son Thomas all and singular the residue of my lands of every description, after the payment of my debts.

7<sup>th</sup> My will and desire is that in case my dear son Thomas should decease before he attains the age of twenty one years, which God forbid, that all my estate both real & personal bequeathed to him shall be as

equally divided as possible between my son in law John Hay or his children by his present wife, Doctor Mt. Lueson and my daughter Susannah. 8<sup>th</sup> and lastly. I give and bequeath to my eldest son Robert, one shilling. The reason of this bequest will be well known to the World.

And I do hereby nominate & appoint my wife Susannah and my stepson William Berry Groove executors and Administrator of this my last Will and Testament, written with my own hand and sealed with my seal this eight<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, and in the 58<sup>th</sup> year of my age.

Signed, sealed, published  
performed & declared by the  
said Robert Rowan, in his  
last Will & Testament  
in the presence of Us, who in his  
presence & in the presence of each other  
Have hereunto subscribed our names

Robt. Rowan

Theophilus Evans

Quia Evans Junr