

51.  
In the name of God.

I Aaron Flora of the county of Currituck and state of North Carolina, being very sick and weak of body, but of a sound mind and disposing memory, thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that give it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent christian burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God; and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner, and form. First, I give and bequeath to my brother Lazarus Flora all my part of the land I inherited by my father to him and his heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my sister Julia Flora and Charloty Flora all my parts of the perishable estate that I inherited by my father. I do hereby ordain and appoint my well beloved mother Lurancy Flora my executor to this my last will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of March 1814.

Test Holl: Ethridge (Seal)

Aaron & Flora (Seal)  
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In the name of God Amen.

And knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, in manner and form as follows. February the 13 day 1815. And first of all I give to my well beloved wife Lydia Cooper two feather beds and furniture and two cows and calves, and two ewes and lambs, and one linen wheel and one sow and pigs and one large chest and one large iron pot, I also give her my loom and harness &c. I also lend her her the use of my hand mill, during her life or widowhood, and then to return to my son Benjamin Cooper. I also give to my well beloved wife as above mentioned, all the corn and pot & wheat I have for the support of her and her family, that she hath at this time with her. I give to Sally Gregor my wife's first daughter one cow and calf and one ewe and lamb and one linen wheel, and if she die without heir lawfully begotten of her body, the same to be equally divided between my two younger

sous Thomas and Benjamin Cooper. I also give to my son Malachi Cooper one young mare called Blaze. I give to my son Benjamin Cooper all my land, and if he dies without heir lawfully begotten of his body to be equally divided between Malachi Cooper and Thomas Cooper. I also give to my son Abner Cooper and Seth Cooper and Isaac Cooper two dollars each. I also give to my two daughters Fanny and Lydia Cooper one cow and land apiece. I also give my daughter Susannah one feather bed and furniture and one linen wheel. I also give my three eldest daughters Mary Cooper and Abby Dowdy and Chloe Harris four dollars each. And the rest of my property to be sold, and for it to go for the raising of the small children, and schooling of my three youngest boys, Malachi and Thomas and Benjamin. I also nominate my wife Lydia Cooper and Davis Fancher my whole and sole executors. Given under my hand and seal day and date above written

Test. Benjamin <sup>his</sup> Stephens // Benjamin Cooper (Seal)  
 Hebe <sup>her</sup> Stephens Inty  
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In the name of God Amen.

And knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, in manner and form as following. February 25<sup>th</sup> 1815. And first of all I give to my well beloved wife Hebe Stephens one feather bed and furniture and one chest and one linen wheel and three pound of hackled flax, and twenty yards of tow cloth chane and one sheep. also the use of my hand mill during her widowhood and then to be delivered to my son Tho<sup>s</sup> Stephens. I also give to my son Thomas Stephens one young horse called genius. I also give to my son Willoughby Stephens one young mare called diamond. I also give to my daughter Polly Stephens, one feather bed and furniture, and one linen wheel and three pounds of hackled flax, and one sheep and eighteen yards of tow cloth, and one small chest. And in case my wife and two children Polly and Thomas Stephens keep house together, I am willing they should have as much of my corn and pork and bacon as may