In the Name of God Amen, I William Jarves of the County of Currituck & Province of N: Carolina being Very Sick and weak of Body but of a Perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same Calling to mind that it is appointed for all Men to Die & mankind and I ain this Instrument of Writing my Last Will and Testament in manner and form as Followeth, Principally and first of all I give & Recommend my Soul to Almighty God that Gave me, Nothing doubting but to Receive by the mighty Power of God Pardon of my Sins in and through the merits of my Blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ, And as touching those Worldly Goods wherewith it has Pleased God to bless me with I give in manner and form as Followeth —

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my two Sons Foster and John Jarves my Plantations and Tract of Land on Currituck Island to be Equally Devided between them and the Heirs of their Bodys — Lawfully begotten forever. Item I give unto my Son John Jarves one Horse. Item I give all the Remainder of my Personal Estate to be Equally Devided between my two Sons aforesaid. Lastly My Will and desire is that my Sister Elizabeth Jarves should have the use of the House Wherein she now lives and as much of the Plantation as will Reasonably Support her During her natural Life. I leave my two Sons Foster and John Jarves my Executors of this my Last Will and Testament utterly disannulling all others. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Tenth Day of April Anno Dom: 1774.

Signed Sealed & Declared in the Presence of

William Jarves Senr.

his
Joseph W Walker
Mark

Elizah Feather

his
William W Jarves (L.S.)
Mark

Recorded and Examined the 4th Day of October 1774.

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Currituck County, In the Name of God Amen, I Gideon Marchant being sick & weak in Body but of a Perfect sound Memory thanks be to the Almighty God for the same therefore calling to mind the Mortality of Mans Body knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die I give & Recommend my Soul into Hands of Almighty God that Gave it & as for my Body I Recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in Christian like Manner at the Decretion of my Executors hereafter Named & as for my Worldly Estate I have with it Pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and Dispose of the same in manner & form following that is to say

Item, I give & Bequeath unto my Eldest Son Malachi Marchant the Whole Plantation whereon I now Live to him and his heirs Forever as also one Horse Called Practice as also four Cows and Calves. Item, I give in bequeath unto my Son Gideon Marchant two Negroe Boys Called Sam & Tom & my Negro Girls Called Aria & Judah them and their Increase to him & his heirs as also one Feather bed & Furnitures. Item, I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Presillar Marchant one Negro man named Peter as also one Negro man named Sue them and their Increase to her & her heirs Lawfully begotten forever as also one Feather Bed & Furnitures as also one Mapple Desk. Item, I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Betty Woodard two Negroes Called Cesar & Talica them & their Increase to her and her heirs Lawfully of her body. Item, I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Franky Marchant two Negro girls called Sarah & Grace them & their Increase to her & her heirs Lawfully begotten from her body as also one Feather Bed & Furniture. Item, and my Desire is that the Rest of my Estate should be Sold and after paying my Debts the Money to be Equally Devided among four of my Children Betty Woodard Gideon Marchant Presillar Marchant and Franky Marchant Except Tom & the Calle are Sold for that Money Betty Woodard is to have no part of — Lastly I do appoint my Son Malachi Marchant and Richard Allen to be my true and Lawfull Executors Denying all other Wills or Wills whatsoever I do Ordain this my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Thirteenth Day of April in the year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and twenty Four

Signed Sealed & Delivered in Presence of

Caleb Corbell
Richard Allen
William his W Lee
Mark

his
Gideon G Marchant (L.S.)
Mark

Recorded and Examined the 4th Day of October 1774.

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