

# The last will and Testament of Robert Burrus deceased. Exhibited and proved at May term 1816

In the name of God. AMEN. I Robert Burrus of Cape Hatteras Banks in Currituck County, being sick in body, but of perfect mind and memory, 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. First of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it me, and my body to the dust to be buried in a decent manner, at the discretion of my Executors, and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow on me, I give and dispose of them in the following manner and form, and first of all my just debts to be paid, and then I bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Barbara Burrus all the property I ~~possess~~ possess in the world, to her benefit to raise the children upon, during her widowhood, and at the expiration of her widowhood to be equally divided amongst all my children viz Roassa Burrus, Christian Burrus, Margaret Burrus, Courtney Burrus, Barbara Burrus, to them and heirs forever. And I do appoint my brother Zachariah Burrus sole Executor to this my last will and Testament, and I do disavow, and disannul all other wills and testaments, acknowledging this to be my last will and Testament. Signed sealed and acknowledged (signed) Robert Burrus  in the presence of us, this 13th day of February in the year 1816. Intended once.

Robert Burrus Surat  
Zachariah Burrus 3 Recorded and examined the day of

# The last will and Testament of John Jarvis deceased Exhibited and proved at May term 1816

In the name of God. AMEN. I John Jarvis of the state of North Carolina and county of Currituck, do this day in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, the tenth of April. Calling to mind that it is ordained for man once to die, do this day make and ordain this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following. 1. Item. First I give and bequeath to son William Jarvis one gun to him and his heirs forever. 2. Item. I give to my daughter Nancy Ballance one small desk to her and her heirs forever. 3. Item. I leave as much of my perishable property to be sold as will pay my just debts and funeral expences. 4. Item. I give to my daughter Betsey Jarvis one bed and furniture, to her and her heirs forever, and one cow and calf. 5. Item. I give to my son John Jarvis one bed and furniture, one cow and calf, to him and his heirs forever. 6. Item. I give to my son Foster Jarvis one bed and furniture, and one cow and calf, to him and heirs forever. 7. Item. I give and bequeath to my children by name Nancy Ballance, Thomas Jarvis, Betsey Jarvis, John Jarvis and Foster Jarvis, all the remainder of my estate, both within doors and without to be equally divided between them, to them and their heirs forever. 8. Item. I make 3 appoint my son John Jarvis the whole and sole Executor, to this my last will and Testament. John J. Hampton Surat. John Jarvis 

Recorded and examined the day of

# The last will and Testament of Mary Poyner deceased Exhibited and proved at May term 1816

In the name of God. AMEN. I Mary Poyner of the county of Currituck, do make, declare and publish this my last will and Testament. I give unto my beloved daughter Jaly White one black walnut table and all my wearing apparel & clothes, I give unto my beloved son Thomas Poyner all that I possess within doors and without doors. This the 26th of February 1816. (signed) Mary Poyner  Witness David Jones My Son William Cowell 3

This day came before me William Cowell one of the subscribing witnesses to the above contents to be the truth, and at the same time the testator was at her sound mind and memory when signed this instrument of writing, as far as he knows or believes sworn to before me this 29th day of February 1816.

Recorded and examined the day of Andrew Duke JP

# The last will and Testament of Josiah Bell deceased. Exhibited and proved at May term 1816

In the name of God. Amen. I Josiah Bell of the county of Currituck in the state of North Carolina, being sick in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, blessed be God, do this fifteenth day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, make, publish and declare this my last will and Testament, in manner following. Viz. Item. I mind the use of my negro girl Vice to my beloved wife Rebecca Bell, during her life, and at her death, I give and bequeath said negro girl Vice and her increase to my son William Bright my son in law and Robert Bell & Thomas Bell, Benjamin Bell, my own sons, to be equally divided between them. I give to them and their heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath all my lands to be equally divided between my sons and daughters hereafter named. Viz. Betsey Bell, Grandy Bell, Polly Bell, John Bell, Sally Bell, Robert Bell, Thomas Bell and Benjamin Bell, to them and their heirs forever. Item. I mind the use of all my perishable property to my beloved wife Rebecca Bell, during her widowhood, or life, and at her death or intermarriage. I give and bequeath all my perishable property to my children hereafter named, to be equally divided between them. Viz. Betsey Bell, Grandy Bell, Polly Bell, John Bell, Sally Bell, Robert Bell, Thomas Bell, Benjamin Bell and my son in law William Bright to them and their heirs forever. I nominate and appoint my friend A. Simmons my executor to this my last will and Testament, and all it is my wish that said A. Simmons should stand as guardian to all my orphans.

Signed, sealed, published and acknowledged in presence of us, the day and date first 3 (signed) Josiah Bell  above written

A. Simmons Surat  
William Fenrig 3  
Chloe Jarvis  Recorded and examined the day of