

In the Name of God Amen
 I Robert Bernard of the County of Currituck

and State of North Carolina former being in a declining State of Health and not knowing how soon I may be taken out of this life, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, I recommend my soul to Almighty God, and my body to be buried decently at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter named and as for my worldly Estate wherewith it hath been pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of it in the following Manner.

First I give to my wife Margaret Bernard the land and plantation near the River whereon she hath only land also four Negroes which had by her vizt. Negro man Mice & John George & Jeph & one Negro Child the son of Jeph & three Cows and Cows & one Cow which is now born the River one Riding Chair & harness & one barrel more which had by her. During her lifetime I also one feather bed & furniture

Item I give and bequeath to my son Willoughby Bernard that piece of land called Little Clearing & fifty Acres of Swamp land back of Jeph Gregorys one Negro man and one Cow & his first choice of all my stock of hoes & all my wearing clothes

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandy Bernard the South end of my Land and plantation whereon I now live as far as a ditch against Mr. Brinkhams Dells how & so as that ditch runs through towards North Clearing and one Negro woman named old Jenny also my half of a Negro man named Muttapher after Peggy Danges death.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Edmund Bernard the North end of my Land and plantation whereon I now live and all the lands there adjoining it not given away and one Negro man named Charles

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Clea Bernard the land & plantation which I bought of William Gray and all the Swamp I bought of Thomas Lerry & a piece of land I bought of Joseph Bell and the one half of a Negro woman more & her Child now in the possession of Joseph Dange

All the remainder of my estate I leave to be sold to pay my just debts & the remainder after paying my debts, my desire that it shall be equally divided between my wife Margaret Bernard & her the Willoughby Grandy Edmund & Clea Bernard lastly I nominate and appoint my friends Willoughby Dange son of Samuel Dange & her Father my Executors to this my last will & to be in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & fixed my seal this 26th day of October 1801.

Signed Sealed Published & Proven in the presence of

Test Willoughby Dange Junr
 Peggy Dange
 Charles Junr

Robert Bernard

Recorded Examined this 14th day of June 1801
 J. B. Baxter D. C. C.

I Samuel Jasper of the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina being of sound Memory but considering the mortality of the body do will and devise what property it hath been pleased the Almighty to bless me with as follows.

1st I wish my Executors with the advice of my wife to sell as much of my property (such as he can best spare) as will discharge every lawful claim against my estate

2nd I leave the use of all my property both real and personal to my wife Lucy Jasper during her widowhood and after her intermarriage that she be the one or after her death I give and devise as follows
 3rd after the intermarriage or death of my wife I give and bequeath to my son Samuel all the land and marsh and Wharfe together with all the improvements thereon that I am now possessed with to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body forever.

4th after the death or intermarriage of my wife I give and bequeath unto my four Children Sally Betty Lucy Samuel & Catty Sister Jaspers all the residue of my property both Negroes stocks household and Kitchen furniture and every other species of property unto me belonging as thorough fair Island in North River entered by Capt. Cook White decd. with Capt. Simmons entry to her as may be seen on record also my part of my sonnets Swamp formerly purchased by Edward Doughty to be appraised and equally divided amongst said five Children or their heirs lawfully begotten on their bodies forever and either of said Children should die without lawful issue to Part or legacy to Return to the Surviving Children namely Sally Betty Lucy Samuel & Catty Sister or the Survivors of them four

5th I wish my wife to make use the profits she can by hiring out the Negroes sailing or selling Schooner harmony for discharging my debts & supporting my Children during her widowhood

6th I appoint Capt. John Mackie & Col. Andrews Duke my sole Executors to this my last will desiring them as the last service they can render me to see this my last request and desire punctually fulfilled according to the express meaning and to see my Children well educated and watch over their morals and at 14 years of sufficient age to seek some Mechanical Occupation for Samuel such as he seems most disposed to provided his mother dies or marries I desire him never to come under a father in law or any man save either of my Executors or such Master as they shall or may think proper in testimony whereof I have set my hand 28th August one thousand seven hundred and twenty eight

Witness John F. Hammond

Sam. Jasper

Recorded Examined this 14th day of June 1801
 J. B. Baxter D. C. C.