

choice. Item. I give and devise to my son Luke Hill one dollar, to be paid to him by my executor. Item. I give and devise to my son Jepsee Hill one dollar, to be paid to him or his heirs by my executor. Item. I give and devise to my three daughters namely Polly, Lydia and Betsy Hill, during the term they may live single, the use and possession of all the children of the lands and plantation whereon I now live, and also three acres of high land, being the southwest corner of the land which I purchased of Wm. Timmons, to be equally divided between them, but at the death or marriage of either are or more of them, the share or portion according to such married wife to go as I shall herein after direct. I further give to my daughter Polly Hill & her heirs forever one negro named Hannah & all bed and furniture, to my daughter Lydia Hill one negro named Ellis, and one bed and furniture, to her and her heirs forever. And to my Daughter Betsy Hill, one negro named Joe and one bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give and devise to my grand son Luke Whitehurst, and his heirs forever, all that portion, or part of the plantation, which is before given to my wife during her life or widowhood, subject to the term of the life time of widowhood of my said wife. Item. I give and devise unto my grand son John Hill and his heirs forever, all that part of my land and plantation which I have before devised to my three daughters, Polly, Lydia & Betsy Hill, during the term they may live single to be come possessed of the same as they my said daughters may intermarry or depart this life. Item. I further give and devise to my wife Elizabeth Hill and her heirs forever, all the property of every nature and kind which she was possessed of, and brought with her at the time of our intermarriage. Item. I give and devise unto my grand son Caleb Burkett, and his heirs forever, all that part of my plantation, known by the name of the landing field, containing by survey fifty acres, upon the following condition that is to say, he is to pay to his sister Polly Burkett a debt of eighty dollars with the interest thereon, which I am owing to her, also to cancel, a note which he holds against me without demanding further payment. I further give and devise to Luke and his heirs forever, one half of my marsh and pracon tract of land. I further give and devise unto my wife Elizabeth Hill and my three daughters, Polly, Lydia and Betsy Hill, the other half of my said tract of marsh & pracon to include the live oak hammocks. Item. I give and devise unto my daughter Frances Whitehurst, one negro girl named Matilda, to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give and devise unto my daughter Anne Morse, negro woman Nancy to her

and her heirs forever. Item. I give and devise unto my daughter Polly Boulton one negro girl named Graciela to her and her heirs forever. I further order and direct that all the residue of my estate, be sold by my executor on a credit of six months and the proceeds arising from such sale (after my just and lawful debts are paid and discharged thereout) to be equally divided between my five daughters, Frances Whitehurst, Anne Morse, Polly, Lydia and Betsy Hill, and their heirs forever.

And lastly I constitute nominate and appoint William Holt of the county of Prince George and State of Virginia whole and sole executor to this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other will or Wills by me hitherto made, either written or verbal. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1814.

Signed, sealed & published to be his last will & testament in presence of us  
the words "the intent" in the 11<sup>th</sup>  
line of 3<sup>d</sup> page of this will was  
intentioned before signed  
Samuel Rogers  
Betsy Bowen

Lydia Bowen's Codicile to the foregoing will, for obvious reasons I have thought proper to revoke the devise in the foregoing will to my daughter Anne Moore of negro woman Nancy. Item. I give and devise unto my wife Elizabeth Hill the aforesaid negro Nancy to her and her heirs forever. It is further my will and desire that this codicile be taken and deemed as a part of my last will and Testament. Witness my hand and seal Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 1814

Recorded & Examined the day of

In the name of God Amen

Solomon Ashe of Currituck, county in the State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for men once to die, do constitute, make and ordain this to be my last will & Testament, in manner and form following.

Item, I trust I will have all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. Item, I give and bequeath to my loving wife

Nancy Ashbee the land and plantation wherein I now live together with the household furniture, which I am at this time possessed with also all the negroes which I have at this time in my possession, and all my stock of horses, cattle, hogs &c for the use and benefit of educating and raising my children to have them taught reading, writing and Arithmetic, as far as the rule of three, provided they are able and willing to take it, during her natural life or widowhood, and other death or marriage. I give the land and plantation wherein I now live to my son Solomon Ashbee to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Ashbee, all my lands lying to the southward and eastward of the plantation whereon I now live in Roanoke Island. I also give to my son Joseph Ashbee fifty acres of land lying on Croatan known by the name of Spruce point to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body forever. I give my will and devise is that if either of my two sons Joseph or Solomon should die without his lawfully begotten of their body that the land of the deceased should descend to the surviving brother to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body forever.

I give the land that came by my wife lying joining Adam Ethridge and Maurice Baum here living, I give and bequeath to my five daughters (to wit) Polly Ashbee, Ann Baum, Fanny Ashbee, Sally Ashbee and Winiford Ashbee to be equally divided share and share alike to them and their heirs lawfully begotten of their body forever; but if either of my daughters should die without heirs as aforesaid, that part should be equally divided among the surviving parties to them and their heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Ashbee one negro girl by the name of Viola, two cows and calves, one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs lawfully begotten forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Baum one negro girl by the name of Sime, two cows and calves and one bed and furniture, which she hath now in possession to her and her heirs lawfully begotten of her body forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Ashbee one negro boy by the name of Jack, two cows and calves, and one feather bed and furniture, to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body forever.

I also give unto my son Joseph Ashbee after my wife's decease, two thirds of the schooner Winiford, and the other third to my son Solomon Ashbee to him and

their heirs forever and if either party dies without issue lawfully begotten as aforesaid, that the surviving party, to have the whole with every thing thereunto belonging.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally Ashbee one negro girl by the name of Moll, two cows and calves, and one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs lawfully begotten of her body forever. I give and bequeath to my daughter Winiford Ashbee one negro boy by the name of Jack, two cows and calves, and one feather bed and furniture, to her and her heirs lawfully begotten of her body forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Solomon Ashbee

one negro boy by the name of London, two cows and calves, and one feather bed and furniture, to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body forever.

I give all the rest and residue of my estate both of what nature or kind it may which hath not been already given away in legacies. I leave to be equally divided among all my children after my wife's decease, together with one negro man by the name of Moses now outlying which if ever caught I leave to be sold to the highest bidder, but the money which therefore, to be converted to the use of my children.

Lastly, I nominate and appoint my wife Nancy Ashbee, and my daughter Polly Ashbee Executrix and my Son in law, Maurice Baum executor to this my last will and Testament, In testimony of which the said Solomon Ashbee hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal this second day of October in the year of our Lord 1801.

Signed, Sealed, Published and

declared by the said Solomon

Ashbee to be his last will and

Testament in the presence of us

Jacob Beasley,

mark

Jurats

Adam Ethridge,

mark

Examined the day of

Solomon Ashbee (seal)

State of N Carolina, Craven county  
In the name of God Amen  
I Sarah West, being in a good and sound state of health, at present and memory, thanks be God for it, and knowing that it was once appointed for all men and woman to die, and after death a judgment for which I think it proper or necessary to make this my last will and Testament.  
I give and bequeath to son Joshua West one dollar, and my