

The Last Will and Testament of Thomas Gray Dec.
Enrolled and Proved at Jcty. Term 1826.

In the name of God, Amen. I Thomas Gray, of Churches
Island, Cumberland County, and State of North Carolina, U.S.A.,
being of sound and perfect memory, (We give be God) do this
twenty first day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand
eight hundred and twenty five; make and publish this my
last will and testament, in manner following that is to say,
Firstly. I bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Gray, my whole
estate, personal and real, during her widowhood.

Secondly. I give and bequeath to my beloved son John W. Gray
the southern part of my plantation on which I reside, situate
commencing at my southern boundary and thence running
northwardly to a line, described as follows, viz It commencing
at the shore bank at a Post, thence running westwardly to
a marked Pine at the road, thence, in a direct line to Sawyers
Bay forever. — also, I give and bequeath to my son John W.
Gray, one buffet, one bureau, and two feather beds and furniture
to him and his heirs forever. — Thirdly. I leave the rest and
residue of my Churches Island plantation, to be divided
into three equal parts, as follow. I give and bequeath to my
beloved daughter, Polly Ball the first share to commence at my
southern boundary. — I give and bequeath to my beloved
daughter Betsey Gray, the second share to commence at the
southern boundary of the first share. — I give and bequeath
to my beloved daughter, Nancy Gray, the third share to
commence at the southern extremity of the second share
and to terminate at John's northern boundary. — to them
and their heirs forever. — Fourthly. I give and bequeath to my
two beloved daughters Betsey and Nancy Gray, the rest and
residue of my household and kitchen furniture, (after the termi-
nation of my wife's widowhood) to be equally divided between
them. — Fifthly. I leave one thousand dollars, to be
equally divided between my two beloved Grandchildren
Lovely and Thomas Gray Ballentine, if they are living

at the termination of my wife's widowhood, or if but one
living at that time, I give and bequeath the same to the
survivor, but if both should die before the termination of my
wife's widowhood. I give and bequeath the aforesaid
one thousand dollars to my four children, Polly, Betsey,
Nancy, and John Gray. — Sixthly. I give and bequeath
all the rest of my property, personal and real estate (at the
termination of the widowhood of my wife Nancy Gray)
to be equally divided among my four children viz Polly
Ball, Betsey, Nancy, and John W. Gray and the lawful
heirs of their bodies forever. And I hereby make and
ordain my worthy friend, Eruch Ball Esqr of the County
and state aforesaid executor of this my last Will and testa-
ment. In witness whereof I the said Thomas Gray have this
my last will and testament, set my hand and seal the day
and year above written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared
by the said Thomas Gray, the testator, in his
last Will and testament in the presence
of us who were present at the time
of signing and sealing thereof

Minip C. McBurn (Clerk)
G. Taylor (Clerk)
William Foster (Clerk)

The Last Will and Testament of Thomas Gray as proved
at Jcty Court 1826. by the oath of G. Taylor suborning
witness thereto & ordered to be recorded. — When the aforesaid
therein named came into our Court & I qualified in form
of Law & order that letters testamentary issue. *James G. Hall*
Recorded & examined March 21st 1826 by *James G. Hall*
James G. Hall