

and one milk pail & half a dozen of tea spoons one cutting star one iron
wedge one half a dozen tea cups and saucers one pair and one peggin the chain
and one basket and one chest to her and her heirs for ever and also two
cows and yearlings and their increase to her and her heirs forever
next. I give to my son Jesse Cook one pewter dish and two plates
and two dollars and his heirs forever. Next I give to my son Thomas
Cook all my carpenter tools and one pewter barrel and my man bridle
and saddle not just cost to be his son Thomas Cook. Next I give to my
son Nathan Cook all my cooper tools & two small hoes and one
sifter and one cow & her heifer yearling known by the name of
red cow to him and his heirs forever. Next I give to my son John Cook
one shilling sterling for his part of my estate. Next I give to my daughter
Sarah Martin one shilling sterling for her part of my estate.
Next I give to the heirs of my son William Cook one shilling sterling for
their part of my estate. Next I give to my daughter Mary Phipps one shilling
sterling for her part of my estate. Next I give to the heirs of my daughter
Elizabeth Hunter one shilling sterling for their part of my estate.
Next I give to my daughter Mary Martin one shilling for her part of my
estate. And for the executors of this my last will and testament I constitute
and appoint my son Thomas Cook & James Blanton Esq. to this my
last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said John Cook has set
my hand and seal this the 2nd day of March 1779. Signed sealed
published and declared by the said John Cook as his last will and testament
in the presence of us. Charles Minimus Patrick Cook Lewis T. Smith
John Cook

State of North Carolina
Duplin County

April Court 1783

Then was the within will proved in open this court by the oath of Mr.
Douthland in due form of law and ordered to be filed.

Test M. Dickson C. C.

John July Court 1783 James Gillespie one of the Esqs named in the within
letter will come before the court and qualified by taking the oath of an Esq.
according to law. Ordered that letters issue accordingly.

Test M. Dickson C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I John Carter being desirous of settling
my worldly concerns being well assured in the certainty for all men
mortally. Do make this my last will and testament in manner

following. that is to say I bequeath my soul to almighty God that giveth hoping for
mercy through the merits of my dear redeemer and my body to be decently buried at
the discretion of my Esq. herein after named. First I leave and bequeath unto my wife
Rachel Carter four cows and calves one male eight feet one large barren one
foreigner. Next I leave with my son George Green Carter all my lands and improvement
nine cows and eight calves with their increase forever the first two male pasture horses
and one half a dozen pauls of iron and further my will is that my wife Rachel
shall have power to sell or otherwise use all the male and of my own stock
as convenient or necessary shall require and to use her moneys to employ
the old ones for young breeding cattle and further my will is that my wife
Rachel shall use my moneys to have her son instructed in reading
writing & figures. and lastly I constitute and appoint my said wife Rachel
Carter and James Gillespie my Esqs. of this my last will & testament hereby
revoking all and all manner of former other wills. Witness my hand and seal
this twelfth fifth day of June 1779. Signed sealed and declared in the
presence of Williams Douthland W. M. Sheffield.

W. M. Douthland & W. M. Sheffield

In the name of God Amen. this the 16th day of March in the year of
our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one. I Patrick Canady
of Duplin County and province of North Carolina. being of perfect mind and
memory and understanding do make and declare this my last will &
testament in manner & form. Following that is to say First I recommend
my soul to God my heavenly father who gave it to me which I wish and hope
shall be received into eternal rest and happiness and my body I commit
to earth to be buried at the discretion of my Esq. such place to be hereafter
named that is to say in a Christianlike burial. and as touching Duplin
County
Canady
estate of my movable goods I give and bequeath as follows
First that all my funeral charges shall be paid. Secondly that all my just debts be paid
Then I give and bequeath to my eldest son and wife Deborah Patrick Canady
my plantation whereon I now live with one hundred acres of land belonging
to some together with one feather bed & furniture together with my most known
to be a barometer together with three pauls plates two tin glitters barrels and
a large water dish likewise one cow & calf the cow a black & yearling
red side a cow yearling both of my own proper work. Likewise long iron
pots iron oven likewise a ewe & ewe lamb one I had of my father and
their increase and one set of iron wedges. Then I give and bequeath my
eldest daughter Elizabeth Canady the remaining half of my stock of land

my plantation is of which contains two hundred acres of which I left my eldest son Patrick one hundred acres with my plantation and two to him the other hundred which is y^l upper half and likewise a cow and calf which is one in one property and a white cow & yearling heifer of my own mark & likewise a cow & lamb a young ewe with two sound lambs they and their increase. Likewise a new Dutch flax wheel that is called here. Likewise six head of gowls of each sort. Likewise three putter plates and a disk and quern beam and a dozen of sporns. Likewise two ewes & pigs & likewise ten pounds for money to divide of old my other estate all this to be paid yearly day of marriage.

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Sarah Connolly one hundred acres of land lying on north side of here swamp in Duplin County. Likewise a new Dutch linen wheel call here likewise one white cow and black fide heifer yearling both of my own mark. Likewise six head of gowls. Likewise a young ewe & lamb & three plates and a disk & quern beam and a dozen of sporns. Likewise a but iron that is new & better and an quern & half pot iron & two ewes & pigs and ten pounds for money all to be paid at the day of her marriage.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Alexander Connolly a plantation or tract of land lying in Duplin County - containing one hundred acres lying in y^l fork of here swamp and wolf branch. Likewise a four quern pot & bails that is an iron pot. Likewise three putter plates and two two quern beams and a disk and a fletcher bed that is new & better and to be filled up satisfactorily weight of y^l gowls with furniture sufficient to fit. Likewise two ewes & lambs and a new rack saw here James Garbrough due money to buy one. Likewise a cow and calf of my own mark and likewise ten pounds in for money.

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Abigail one hundred acres of land joining William Dookies plantation which shall take up one and one Dutch flax wheel. and likewise two beams and dozen of sporns & six head of gowls & likewise a cow & calf of my own mark and. Likewise twenty pounds of for money and if she dies without heir to be left to her father & my son Alexander. Likewise if my daughter Sarah dies without heir that her portion be free to my son Alex. and if Alex dies without heir his estate & portion to free to my eldest son Patrick.

Item That my negro boy Tom and his horse and a mare and yearling colt should be — within five daughters next cousin Duplin County a twelve month credit on giving you sufficient bonds & security.

Here. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Abia my riding horse bridle and saddle. Likewise eight yards of fine with a three yards of double holland & my own silver shoe buckles and three pounds of for money.

Item I do leave my well beloved wife Abia and John Connolly my brother Esq. & Esq. of my other estate real & personal and I likewise do leave my estate both real & personal to my well beloved wife Abia during her widowhood and if she dies in widowhood or marries the y^l children she name and estate to go to y^l other 2^d and likewise that my estate that has not been left to my decessor shall be equally divided among my other named children and that each child shall have two years schooling paid of the before — and I do hereby acknowledge this to be my last will and testament utterly disannulling all other in testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this day and date above written.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of. J. J. J.

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Williams Charles Giggony Connolly Samuel Jones Patrick Connolly

State of North Carolina

April Court 1781

Duplin County

There was the within will proved in open Court in due form of law by the oath of William Taylor one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at the same time John Gibbs and David Cannon but the Exrs therein named come before the Court and qualified by taking the oath of one Exr each of them according to law ordered that letters issue accordingly. Test W^m Dickerson C. C.

Henry Cannon

In the name of God amen. I Henry Cannon of Duplin County State of N. C. being of sound mind and perfect memory blessed to God do at the 30th day of February in the year of our Lord 1781 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following. That it is to say First. I give and bequeath to my beloved son David all my lands and claims of lands and one horse name by the name of Oliver and one two year old heifer mare. and do give unto my well beloved wife Mary all my stocks of horses cattle hogs and sheep and household goods and slaves. During her life or widowhood with the use of the plantation or and farming utensils all to be at her disposal till such time as before mentioned and there to be equally divided among my children and I hereby make and ordain this my last will & testament to be my last will and seal the day and year above written. Signed sealed & witnessed by the said Henry Cannon the testator.

as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof
 345 John Hight. William Taylor + David Cannon.

Henry Cannon. (Seal)

State of North Carolina
 Duplin County

May Term 1825

Then was the within will proved in open Court by the oath of the Clerk of the Court and ordered to be recorded to at the same time Elias Faison was qualified as Exr. Thence ordered that letters issue.

Just James Prouse Clerk

Examiners
 to Court

In the name of God Amen I. Dianna Clark of Duplin County being of sound mind and memory blessed be God do certify that day of September in y^e year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say. First I give and bequeath to my grand son Albert Hicks one feather bed and furniture to him Albert Hicks his heirs + assigns forever.

2^d I give and bequeath the residue of my worldly goods + estate every kind whatness to be equally divided into three shares of which I give one share to my daughter Nancy Tidwell one share to my daughter Polly Faison. and one share to the children of Fanny Shaver to them + their heirs forever + assigns and I hereby make and ordain my beloved sons Thos Faison + Elias Faison Exrs of my last will and testament in witness whereof the said Dianna Clark here to this day my last testament at my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Dianna Clark the testator as his last testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

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Mary Elliot John Elliot

Dianna Clark (Seal)

Duplin County

Octo Term 1823

Then was the within will proved in open Court by the oath of the Clerk of the Court and at the same time John McCombs + James Carr the Exrs named in the will qualified as such ordered that letters issue.

Just J. Prouse Clerk

In the name of God Amen I. John Carr of the County of Duplin State of North Carolina being of sound mind + perfect memory

thanks be to God do this the first day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred + twenty three make and publish this my last will and testament. Dreaming all other wills by me made or published + that in manner and form following to wit.

First of all I wish all of my just debts and funeral expenses paid out of my estate and with that part portionally appropriate for that purpose + that at the discretion of my Exrs whom I shall hereafter appoint.

Next I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth her life time all my plantation cate the old plantation farm where the late William Williams Cairns found plantation + my own unto a line including part of a tract bought of William Cairns beginning on that so as to run nearly a south west corner will cross the avenue near the head so as to strike a drain then down the drain to the drainage ditch and then strait with the ditch including part of the Bunting land also to the swamp and crossing on on or in the same run water it strikes William Cairns line then reports

beginning containing all the land the lying the two forementioned lines be the same more or less so as to be to her proper use + behoof of the said Elizabeth Carr during her natural life with all singulars to her + her heirs + improvements and at her decease to descend to my youngest son Obid also that my wife Elizabeth have the use of all my stock of cattle hogs and sheep or so much thereof as thought necessary for the support of my family + raising of my young children. Also such part of my house hold and kitchen furniture with my plantation tools with the cart + one yoke of oxen my riding chair + harness &c. &c. Such part of stock as is judged surplus to be let by my exrs to pay debts Also all my crop of every species to the aforementioned use of the family except surplus to be disposed as before mentioned. Also that my wife Elizabeth have of my stock of negroes my negro man Tom + Sharp + Lerow + Andrew + my negro woman Elanancy + Cloe + Silvia. Which negroes with the addition of my little girl ady to the proper use of my wife Elizabeth to be left entirely at the disposal as she thought most advisable by living out to keep at home + at her decease to descend unto the following children equally by divide except the little girl ady to be divided between my other daughter Dianna Irvine + Elizabeth.

Also that the above mentioned negroes shall be divided amongst all children at the decease of their mother so as to make them equal.