

In the name of god amee. I John Ivory of the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina Planter being of sound and perfect mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of the Body the shortness of life and certainty of death and being desirous to have my affairs settled, do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testamant. This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October our Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety two first I command my soul to god who gave it me and my Body to the dust to be buried decently at the discretion of my Executors hereafter to be named. My worldly Goods I dispose of in the following manner. I give and bequeath unto my loving and well beloved wife Leah Ivory one negro boy called Lush together with all my stock of early bind Household tools and plantation tools by way bind. I also bind unto my said wife Leah one negro boy called Isaac and one negro girl called Lucy for her use during her natural life and after her decease my will is that the boy (that is to say) Isaac be sold at the discretion of my Executors (he having the liberty to chose a master) and the money arising from such sale I give to my grandson Stancy Carr the son of Samuel Carr and Mary his wife. And the girl that is to say Lucy I give after my wife decease to my niece Elizabeth Ivory the daughter of Lemuel Ivory (late of Northgate County Virginia deceased) the said Lucy and her increase to the said Elizabeth her heirs and assigns for ever. I give and bequeath to my grandson Jim Brown one negro girl called Jane and her increase to him his heirs and assigns for ever. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Sarah Harris the daughter of David Brown and Fathier his wife both deceased, one negro boy named Harry to her her heirs and assigns for ever. My further will and desire is that my negro woman called Philis be st. free. I'm complying with the Law in that case provided. I will that my negro man Anthony and my negro boy Dennis be sold at the

discretion of my Executors having liberty to chose masters, and the monies arising from the sale of Anthony I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Parker, and the monies arising from the sale of Dennis to be Equally divided between my wife Leah Ivory and my daughters Charity Smith and Mary Carr Share and share alike. All the money that is due to me either by Bond, note or account after the payment of my debt. I give and bequeath to my wife Leah Ivory. Lastly I constitute and appoint my wife Leah Executor and my trusty Friends Francis Oliver and Nicholas Bowden Executors to the my last will and Testament. Revoking and disannulling all former or other wills, and declaring this only to be my last will and Testament. Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by the said John Ivory to be his last will and Testament in presence of Nicholas Bowden, Samuel Bowden.

John Ivory *(Signature)*

State of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina } October Term 1792.  
Duplin County }

There was the within will proved in open Court by the oaths of Nicholas Bowden and Samuel Bowden two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at the same term Nicholas Bowden and Francis Oliver two of Executors named in the said will came before the Court and qualified according to Law. Orders that Letters issue accordingly.

Lvt. Wm Dickson C.C.

In the name of god amee I Amey Ingram of Duplin County Planter am sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory and calling to mind that it is appointed once for all men to die. I recommend my soul to Almighty god that gave it and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors of this my last will and to dispose of my

personal estate wherewith it hath pleased god to bless  
 me with in manner and form as followeth to wit.  
 Item I bequeath unto my well beloved wife Rebekah during  
 her life or widowhood Two negro boys and Abram  
 the Cow and calve, one horse and mare and stock  
 of hogs and what money I have by me and all  
 my household goods, And furniture and plantation  
 tools during his life or widowhood. Item I give and  
 bequeath unto my well beloved son Samuel my  
 upper tract of land to him his heirs and assigns for  
 ever five head of cattle one mare called Littlefoot  
 and Negro boy named Cleas. Item I give and bequeath  
 unto my well beloved daughter Elizabeth, one negro  
 girl, named Cleas, Five head of cattle, Item I give  
 and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Rebekah  
 five head of cattle and, and the first child that the  
 Negro wench brings that I left to my wife. Item I  
 give and bequeath unto my well beloved son John  
 the plantation wherow I now live to him his  
 heirs and assigns for ever and five head of cattle  
 and the second child the aforesaid wench brings.  
 And furthermore it is my will that after my wife's  
 decease or marriage that the remainder part of my  
 Estate that I have not disposed of to to my children  
 measuring the part of my estate left in my <sup>late</sup> wife's  
 hands during her life or widowhood should be equally  
 divided amoungst my children, my eldest son Samuel  
 being twenty one years old. Further more I do  
 constitute and appoint to my well beloved Brother  
 John Ingram and my wife Executor and Executrix of this  
 my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I the  
 said Abner Ingram have hereon to set his hand &  
 affixed this seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September anno domini  
 1778. Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of. Test.  
 Nathan Williams, William Hilliard, Richard Hillyard,  
 Abner <sup>in</sup> Ingram <sup>mark</sup> Seal  
 State of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina } October Court 1782.  
 Duplin County I this was the within will from

in open court in due form of Law by the  
 last of Nathan Williams and Richard Hillyard  
 two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at the  
 same time Isidore Ingram the Executor named in  
 the said will came before the Court and took the  
 oath of an Executor according to Law &c. - And  
 that letters may issue accordingly.

Test. W. Dickson C. C.

In the name of god amme I James James of  
 Duplin County and State of North Carolina being in  
 a Law State of health but of sound and perfect  
 mind and memory do constitute and ordain this my  
 last will and Testament in form and manner  
 following viz: - I will in the first place that all  
 my just debts be paid out of my personal Estate and  
 the Residue to be disposed of as follows (to wit). To  
 my son Thomas E James I give and bequeath all the  
 Lands I purchased for James Carroll which by sue  
 may fully appear amounting in the whole to three  
 hundred and fifty five acres. To my son Gabriel  
 H James I leave and bequeath all that Parcell of  
 Land I purchased from Alexander Dickson and plantation  
 and Land known by the name of Pearree place To  
 my well beloved wife Mary James I will that she  
 live at the Cross roads. The manter House or remove  
 to the place called the cool spring at her option.  
 During her natural life. My will and desire is that  
 after my debts and funeral expenses be paid and  
 discharged, that my whole Estate of negroes be equally  
 divided betwixt my beloved wife Mary James and my  
 children namely Mary Teachy, Thomas E. Elizabeth, Dorothy  
 Ann, Gabriel Holmes, James Rebecca and Catherine  
 R James share and share alike. Assurance to my  
 said wife the use of my negro woman tall during  
 her natural life and should the old wench out live  
 my <sup>late</sup> wife then and in that case she is to go to  
 any of my children she thinks proper to live not to