

First I give and bequeath to my son in Law Amos
 Waller Eight Shillings. Secondly I give and bequeath
 to my beloved children Hecator Murray Ethelinda Staking
 Rhody Murray Daniel Murray and Hiram Murray all
 my Personal property to be sold and Equally divided.
 And I hereby make and ordain my beloved son and
 son in Law Hiram and Lona Murray Executors of
 this my Last Will and Testament. In witness whereof
 I the said James Murray have to this my last Will
 and Testament set my hand Seal the day and year
 above written. Signed, Seal, Published and declared by
 the said James Murray the Testator as his Last will
 Testament in the presence of us who were present at
 the time of Signing and Sealing thereof. Test.
 Jonathan Johnson. Daniel ^{his} Bradshaw (The above
 being Executed on the 3rd May 1827)

James Murray (Seal)
 State of N^o Carolina } Faby Term 1828.
 Duplin County }

There was the within will proved in open Court
 in due form of law by the oath of said Bradshaw
 Ordered to be enrolled and at the same time Hiram
 Murray and Lona Murray Qualified as Executors
 thereunto. Ordered that letters Issue.

Test Jas Pennell C. C. K.

In the Name of God Amen I Absalom of the County
 of Duplin being vigorous in body but am now in
 perfect sense but knowing that it is appointed for
 every man once to die do ordain and make this
 my last will and Testament. Item, I give to my
 son Theophilus Merritt five shillings. I give to my
 son Absalom Merritt two hundred acres of land
 and a cow and yearling which he has received I give
 to my Daughter Rebecca a feather bed and furniture
 two fowls Barons and a Dish a Cow and calf and
 a two year old Heifer which she has received. I give
 to my son Michael Merritt one hundred acres of

land Lying between the flat Branch and Bush
 Branch on the same more or less and one cow
 and calf and aparts I give to my two Daughters Barbara
 and Bider my old plantation on Stewards Creek and
 a feather bed to each. I give to my son H. Murray the
 mill and two hundred acres of land joining said
 mill and a cow and calf after his mothers Death.
 I give to my beloved wife the man and colt and
 cattle and the profits arising from the mill during
 her widowhood to support her and the young children
 as also the hogs and a bed. and after her Death
 to be sold and Equally divided among the Children, as
 also I give my wife all the working tools as the above
 mentioned. I give to my Daughter Eliza Merritt cattle
 or money to the amount of pounds, all the house
 hold goods except what I have here bequeathed I leave
 my will as above mentioned. I give my two Daughters
 Barbara and Bider a cow and calf to each and I
 leave the cart wheel for the use of my wife and little
 children and I appoint Nathiel Merritt and Daniel
 Merritt executor. In witness here of I have set my
 hand and seal this 29th Day of March 1802. Test -
 Stephen Smyth. Elizabeth ^{his} Merritt. Unity ^{his} Cook.
 Absalom ^{his} Merritt (Seal)

Proved October Term 1803. by oath of Stephen Smyth.
 Executor not Qualified. No fees paid.

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Merritt of the
 County of Duplin and State of North Carolina being
 sick of body but in perfect mind and memory do
 make and declare this to be my last will and
 Testament. First and principally I bequeath my soul
 to the hand of Almighty God who gave it and my
 body I commit to the dust from whence it came
 to be buried in a Christian like manner at the
 direction of my friends. My worldly estate I