

this the fourth day of December 1808. Signed sealed
 and delivered in presence of D. Wright ^{Witness}
 Edolph ^{his} Branch ^{son}

State of North Carolina
 Duplin County

October Term 1819

The within will was proved in open court by the oath of
 Immus Gufford one of the subscribing witnesses then to and
 at the same time Archibald Branch one of the Executors named
 in said will came before the court and manifested as such acc-
 ording to law - ordered that letters issued accordingly - Archibald &c
 In the name of God amen - I Archibald Branch of Duplin Co
 and State of North Carolina being sick in bed and weak and body
 but of perfect sound mind and memory, and calling to mind that it
 was appointed for me to die I will and with my soul to the
 Lord and my body to the dust to be buried in christian love
 manner and do here by make my last will and testament and by
 these presents do freely give and bequeath unto my true and loving wife
 Branch & Elizabeth Branch all and singular this land belonging to my estate
 lying below the main path that leads from the main Road at the
 corner of Immus Gufford's field to the cross of the branch at the woolf
 field then north Side of sd branch to the main marsh next to
 woolf field and the new ground with five negroes viz Sney Silver
 Ball Dick Lewis to have and to hold the sd said property during her
 life or widow hood after the same is the full to my youngest son
 Bryan Branch Bounded as follows runs a strale line from the
 to the crossing of the woolf branch thence down the west side of sd
 branch to the marsh so as to comit the head of the branch to
 the D Bapt also thre negroes Sney Silver & Lewis. I also give &
 bequeath unto my well beloved son Benjamin Branch all
 the lands of my estate lying above the woolf branch and
 from the crossing place of sd branch to the main road also
 a negro boy name Dick and also a certain Lay house also
 one half the stock and working tools from and after the death
 of the within I also give and bequeath unto my beloved son
 Archibald Branch one negro boy name Sam. I also give
 unto my daughter Polly Keathley two negroes Del & Roscoe
 to him and to the heirs of him body - I also give & bequeath

unto my beloved son Arthur Branch one hundred dollars in cash when it is convenient to be paid out of the estate I do also give and bequeath unto my son Rubin Branch one negro as the value there of in money or other property and if the said negro name sell should have any increase breeding ones after this date they are to be equally divided among the whole of the heirs and as for the house hold and kitchen furniture afit down of the matter it is to be equally divided between Benjamin Branch and Bryant Branch my two youngest sons and and after pay my my just debts of the before mentioned property. I do acknowledge this to be my last will and testament and witness where of I have here unto this day set my hand and affixed my seal in the presence of us this 19th day of May 1819

Attest James Sufford ^{my} James Williams Archibald ^{his} Branch ^{mark} seal
 x 527 Rubin Branch & Archibald Branch qualified Exrs of the will —

State of North Carolina
 Duplin County

April Term 1801

Then was the last will and testament of Emanuel Bowyer proved in open Court in due form of Law by oath of Timothy Leachey one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at the same time Timothy Leachey one of the Executors named in the said will came before the Court and qualified as such according to Law ordered that letters issue accordingly Test William Dickson & C
 In the name of God amen. I Emanuel Bowyer of the State of North Carolina Duplin County being of perfect mind and memory Blessed be to God Calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die make and ordain that be my last will and testament in manner and form viz. First I recommend my soul to God the following that give it to me and my body to have a Christian like burial at the discretion of my Exrs here after to be named Secondly I will and ordain that my Exrs do sell so much of the most perishable part of my property as will satisfy all my just and funeral expenses Thirdly. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife my beloved wife Mary Bowyer all my stock of Cattle and one horse and saddle and bridle and house hold furniture and one note of hand for thirty dollars (pounds). Fourthly I will and bequeath to my son

Emanuel
 Bowyer