

thereto according to law. Ordered that letters issue accordingly by  
 Test W<sup>m</sup> Dickson C<sup>l</sup>

In the name of God Amen the tenth day of may 1786 I  
 Thamar Cummins of the State of North Carolina Duplin County  
 being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and  
 memory thanks be given unto God. therefore calling unto mind  
 the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men  
 once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament  
 that is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend  
 my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I  
 recommend to the earth to be buried in a christian like burial at  
 the discretion of my Exrs. nothing doubting but at the general resurrection  
 I shall revive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching  
 such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this  
 life. I give devise and dispose of the same in following manner & from  
 the place I now live I give and bequeath to my three sons Thomas  
 Benjamin & Hugh with my beloved wife having her share of the same  
 place her life time. And further I give and bequeath unto my two  
 sons George & Aaron one hundred and fifty acres of land on the  
 east side of North east river and further I give and bequeath to my son  
 James one hundred acres of land in the North east river <sup>North</sup> side of  
 Island Creek and all my goods & chattels to kept together until some of my  
 children shall part off from the rest and which ever shall first leave the  
 family is to receive one tenth part of my all my perishable property and I  
 live my son Thomas ~~John~~ Cummins and Timothy Teashey to be my  
 Exrs. Test Andrew Thally & John Thally - Thomas Cummins

Arch<sup>d</sup> Clark  
 In the name of God Amen. The twenty sixth day of march in  
 the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy. I  
 Archibald Clark in Duplin County the Province of North Carolina  
 being very sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks  
 be given to God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of  
 my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make  
 and ordain this my last will and testament. That is to say first of  
 all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God  
 that gave it. and for my body I recommend to the earth to be de-  
 cently and a christian like manner to be buried at the discretion of  
 my Executors. nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I

shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching  
worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life. I give and  
dispose of in the manner following First my will and desire is that the land  
and plantation whereon I now live be sold by Exs and that the money arising  
from such sale be applied to the payment of my just debts, also all the rest of  
my estate of what kind soever. I likewise desire may be sold by my  
Exs such things as is hereafter thus is disposed of. Secondly. I give  
and bequeath to my beloved wife Alice my black horse and one  
feather bed and furniture and one spinning wheel, and my will  
and desire is that whatever of my of my estate shall be left after  
all my just debts paid be equally divided between my wife and  
all my brothers and sisters. And I do hereby constitute and  
appoint my brother John Clark my whole & sole Ex of this  
my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal the day & year first above written  
Signed sealed in presence of Thomas Gray Geo Frazier Michael  
King Es

Archibald Clark Seal

The will of Archibald Clark was proved in open Court by  
The oath of Thomas Gray.

State of north Carolina }  
Duplin County }

April Term

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Then was the within will proved in open court by the oath of Andrew  
Thally one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at the same time  
Catharine Cook and Robert Dickson the Ex named in said will  
qualified as such & ordered that letters issue accordingly

William Dickson C. C.

North Carolina. Duplin County Feb 1 1788. I John Cook Sr  
being weak in body but of sound mind and memory blessed be  
God. Therefore and calling to mind that all men is appointed  
to die do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament  
hereby revoking all others. First I resign my body to the dust  
from whence it came to be buried in a decent and christian  
like manner at the discretion of my Exs hereafter to be mentioned  
and my soul to God that gave it it not doubting but I shall  
be raised up at the day of the resurrection and be lead into  
glory through the merits of Jesus Christ my redeemer in whom  
I trust. First. I give the plantation & land on which I now

John  
Cook