

kind out until my debts are paid and then to be to the use of my beloved wife Mary and her children that remain with her during her lifetime, then to be equally divided between the above mentioned children. In order to confirm and execute this my last will and testament I do hereby nominate appoint and constitute my beloved wife Mary Murphy executrix and Wiley Stallings and Henry Murphy Junior Executors in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 7th of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven. Signed Sealed and acknowledged in the presence of John Lufham. William ^{his} _{mark} Sellers Jun^r
Timothy Murphy Seal

State of N^o Carolina } April Term 1827 - then was the within
Duplin County } will proved in open court in
due form of law by the oath of John Lufham one
of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be
recorded and filed and at the same time Wiley Stallings
Qualified as Executor to said will. Ordered that letters
issue.

Test Jas Parnell Ck.

In the name of God amen the Eighteenth day of November 1780. I Betholmy Mary of the County of Duplin and the State of North Carolina planter being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given me to God thus far calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I 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 into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such

worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give divine and dispose of the same in the following manner and for Imprimis I give and bequeath to Sarah Spruige all my household goods debts and movable effects to her fully to be possessed and enjoyed and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments wills bequeaths and bequests and Executors by me in any way before named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written, Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced, and declared by the said-Joseph ^{his} _{mark} Cook, Shadrach Stallings.

Betholmy ^{his} _{mark} Murray Seal

State of N^o Carolina } Jan^y Court 1781.
Duplin County. } Then was the within will
proved in open court by the oath of Joseph Cook and Shadrach Stallings in due form of Law &c. There being no Executor named in the said will ordered that Sarah Spruige the principal Legatee have administration on the said deceased Estate with a copy of the will annexed and that she give Bond and security in the clerk's office according to law. Ordered the clerk issue letters accordingly.

Test W^m Dickson Ck.

In the name of God amen I Barbara Murphy of Duplin County and State of North Carolina being weak in body tho' sound in memory praised be God do make this my last will and testament as followeth Imprimis. I will that yellow paper have leave to choose his own master. Item that he shall have the mare and colt and three cows

and calves and one yearling one plough and
 six one drawing knife and one hoe one cart.
 six platin four bolus two mugs one pot. Item I
 will that my just debts and funeral expenses be
 paid before this property be distributed. I constitute
 and appoint my beloved brother Frederick Wells my
 executor of this my last will and testament. Two
 witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and two. Signed, sealed and delivered in
 presence of us. John Matthias Mary^{his} Murphy.
 Mary^{his} Brown.

Barbara^{his} Murphy Seal.

State of N^c Carolina } July Term 1802.
 Duplin County }

There was the within will proved in open Court
 in due form of Law by the oath of John Matthias
 one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. — and at the
 same time Frederick Wells the Executor named
 in the said will came before the Court and qualified
 as an Executor according to Law. — Ordered that Letters
 issue accordingly.

Test W^m Dickson C. C.

State of N^c Carolina } This Day Phill Southland
 Duplin County } I came before me one of the
 State Justices of the peace for S^c County and
 made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God
 that George Mallard deceased called on said Southland
 last night to write his will he the said Mallard
 in a very low state but in his perfect senses to
 the best of his knowledge and he the said Mallard
 told him the S^c Southland that in the first place
 he wanted to give his land to his daughter Mary
 and for his rest to be interrupted with it at which
 time the cough took him of a sudden and
 now appeared to be capable of making and

further will and died about Ten o'clock or
 some earlier this day. Sworn to and subscribed
 before me this 27th Day of March 1798. Test Robt
 Southland

Phill Southland.

State of N^c Carolina } April Term 1798.
 Duplin County }

There was the within Noncupative will of George
 Mallard Exhibited into Court by Robert Southland
 Esq before whom it was taken, and ordered to be
 filed in the Clerks Office.

Test W^m Dickson C. C.

In the name of God amen. the seventh day of
 April in the year of our Lord 1798. I James Murray
 of Duplin County and State of North Carolina being
 very old 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 one
 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 God that gave it and for my body
 I Recommend to the earth to be buried in Christian
 like and decent manner 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 such worldly
 estate where with it has pleased God to bless me in
 this life I give and devise and dispose of the
 same in the following manner and form.
 I prescribe it is my will and I do order that in
 the first place all my just debts and funeral
 charges be paid and satisfied. Item I leave unto
 my beloved wife all my hole estate during her
 widowhood or life making no debt and after
 my wifes manage or Decease I give and bequeath