

Wright Esq. and ordered to be Recorded. And at the same time it was ordered by the said County Court that Owen Connors have letters of Administration of the Estate of the said James Jones deceased, with a copy of the said nuncupative will annexed thereto.

Test W^m Dickson C.C.

State of North Carolina } March 6th 1824.
Duplin County

In the name of God Amen. I Rebecca James of the State and County aforesaid being of an infirm State of Body but of sound mind and memory do make constitute and ordain this to be my last will and Testament, and by these presents do disannul all former wills Testaments &c. and I assign my soul to the merciful hands of God who gave it, and my body to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors &c. and as to the worldly Property with which it has pleased God to bless me I give and bequeath in the following manner: First I give and bequeath unto my beloved mother Mary James, my following named negro slaves (to wit) Joe Milly and Chole during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided with the widows of the above mentioned female slaves, between my nephews and niece John Graham and Mary Eliza Stephens and their heirs forever. I also give and bequeath to my mother my mare, feather bed and furniture during her natural life and after her death my will is that my beloved brother Gabriel H. James have my mare & my niece Rebecca James my bed. Secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved nephew James Lachy one hundred dollars to be raised by the hire of negroes for also my just debts to be paid by the hire of said negroes. I appoint and request my nephew James Lachy to be my Executor to this my last will and Testament the day and date aforesaid. Signed sealed and

acknowledged in presence of J. Graham & Morgan.

R. James *(Seal)*

Duplin County } April Term 1824.

There was the within will proved in open Court in due form of law by the oath of Brown Morgan and at the same time James Lachy the Executor named in the will qualified as such. Ordered that letters issue.

Test Jas Parsall Ck.

In the name of God Amen. I Benjamin Johnston of the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory and taking into consideration the uncertainty of this life have thought proper to make and confirm this as my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other. [Imprimis] I resign my soul into the hands of that almighty Being who gave it, and my body to the earth, to be decently interred according to the direction of my Executors, herein after named. (Item 1) It is my will and desire that all my property that is to say my Land on which I now live, lying on each side of Turkey Swamp together with my negroes Charles, Lev, Bett, Mitten & Moses. Horses, Cattle, Shop and Logs, my House hold and kitchen furniture and farming utensils, shall be sold by my Executors they giving such credits as they may think proper. (Item 2) I also give and bequeath to my Brothers John, Ambrose, James, Robert and William Johnston or their heirs, one dollar each and no more. (Item 3) I also give and bequeath to my Sisters Fanny, Sytha, Jane and Rachel or their heirs one dollar each and no more. (Item 4) I also give and bequeath unto Anne Owens daughter of Lewis Ryall, one dollar and no more. (Item 5) I also give and bequeath to Brandy Ryland, one dollar and no more. (Item 6) I do hereby give and bequeath unto Eliza James, my negro boy John. (Item 7th) The residue or

remainder of my Estate, I give and bequeath to my niece Francis wife of William Lockamy my niece Jane, wife of John Spear, and Pelly Ryland to be equally divided between them, except four cows and calves and one hifer to Francis Lockamy. And Lastly, upponing confidence in the ability and integrity of my friend Thomas Kneale and Thomas Baykin I do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint them Executors to this my last will and Testament, hereby annulling and revoking all others. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Seal this fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty three and of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America, the forty Eighth. Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in the presence of John Guy, Lemuel ^{his} Guy, Robt Groves, Benjamin ^{his} Johnston ^{mark} Seal

State of N^c Carolina }
Duplin County } Feby Term 1828.

Then was the within will proved in open court in due form of Law by the oath of John Guy and Lemuel Guy. Two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be filed and at the same time Thos Kneale Disqualified as Executor thereto. Ordered that letters issue.

Test Jas Praxell, Ck.

In the Name of God Amen the third day of March 1763. I Thomas John of Duplin County North Carolina Planter being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God therefor. Calling unto mind ye mortality of my body and knowing yt it is appointed for all men once to die. Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament yt is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto ye hands of God yt gave it and my body I recommend

to ye Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at ye discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at general resurrection I shall receive ye same again by ye mighty power of God. and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of ye same in ye following manner and form. I give & bequeath to Mary my dearly beloved wife all my household furniture and a note of hand of Benjamin Cline for ten pounds. Likewise ten pounds due to me from Jacob Fussell and six pounds & amount to be paid her by my Executors during her life. Item I give to each of my three Daughters viz Susannah, Margret and Mary twenty pounds. Prudent money each to be paid by my Executors out of my Estate. Item I give unto my son Thomas John five pounds Prudent money to be paid by my Executors out of my Estate. Item and lastly I give unto my well beloved son David John and John John whom I likewise make and ordain my Executors of this my last will and Testament all and singular my land, messuages and Tenements with my negroes, horses, Chattle, moveables and Immoveables of what kind soever to me belonging or any way appertaining by your firmly to be possessed and enjoyed. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and annul all and every other former Testaments wills legacies and Bequests and Executors by me in any way before named will 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 ye day and year above mentioned. Signed Sealed, published, pronounced, and delivered in presence of us by ye said Thomas John as his last will and Testament. Test W^m Litman, W^m Pace, Thomas ^{his} Morris. Thomas John Seal