

In the name of God amen May 9th 1813

I Catherine Best of County of Duplin + State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following Viz I give to my daughter Mary and Elizabeth Best the shares or interest I have in my negro woman slave blue and her two children Jacob + Francis to them + their heirs forever. Likewise all my cattle and hogs horses + kitchen furniture plantation tools &c to be equally divided between them at my death except so much of the above named property as will be mentioned hereafter. Secondly I give to my niece Catherine Frederick one three year old heifer. Thirdly I give to my grand son John William Best the sum of ten dollars to be raised out of my stock or furniture. Fourthly I do hereby constitute and appoint Andrew Mc Intire Exp of this my last will + testament. In witness whereof I have to set my hand and seal this 9th May 1813. Signed Sealed + published in the presence of us. Stephen Graham. George Mc Gowan Alexander Mc Gowan Catherine + Best ^{her} mark Seal

State of North Carolina } July Term 1799
Duplin County }

There was the within will proved in open court by the oath of Isaac Turner one of the subscribing witnesses. There and at the same time Daniel Murray the Exp named in the said will came before the Court + Qualified as an Exp according to law ordered that letters issue accordingly. Test Wm Dickson & Co In the name of God Amen The twenty third day of April in the year of our lord 1799 I Silvester Silvester Cavenaugh of the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina being very old and sick + weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God. Therefore calling into 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 + recommend my soul to God who gave it + for my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Exrs nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same 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 and devise + dispose of the same in the following man-