

the earth to be buried in a decent christian burial at the discretion of
 my exors. Nothing doubting but at the general resurrection, I shall
 receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching and
 worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless
 me. In this life I give and Devise and dispose of the same in
 the following manner & form. First I have given unto my four
 daughters. Præsent Anna Elizabeth & Lydia the sum of fifteen
 pounds apiece & unto my son John Carlton. I have given the sum
 of One hundred pounds and the rest I give and bequeath unto my
 dearly beloved wife Martha all the rest of my property both lands &
 and stocks of all kinds and negroes her lifetime to dispose as
 she sees fit Except it be the sale of the lands which is to be divided
 at her death between my two youngest sons Stephen is to have
 this place wherein I now live, ^{on} all on this side of murren
 branch and Thomas is to have all on the other side of the branch at
^{her} death and if there be any property at her death or lease if there be
 enough Thomas Carlton is to have twenty pounds good and lawful
 money and if there is any left after that is done so it must be equally
 divided amongst ^{all} my children. But if there is not property left
 at her death to pay Thomas Carlton twenty pounds then Stephen Carlton
 must give ten pounds good & lawful money unto Thomas Carlton
 because Thomas's land is not as valuable as Stephen's and I
 do hereby utterly disallow revoke & disannul all and every
 other former testaments wills legacies bequests & executors by me
 in any wise before named null and bequeathed ratifying &
 confirming this and no other to be this my last will & testament
 in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
 this the seventh day of September 1798. Test Austin Bessley
 John Carlton & Martha Carlton. I appoint and ordain Martha
 Carlton & John Carlton Exors

Thomas Carlton (Seal)

January Term 1812

Then the within will proved in Court by John Connolly and
 Luke Connolly the Exors named in said will and proved in
 due form of law by the oath of David Wright & Lewis Dickson
 two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at the same time
 John Connolly one of the Exors named in the ~~same~~ said will
 came forward & qualified by taking the oath of an exor according

to law ordered that letters issue accordingly

Test Wm Dickson C C

In the name of God Amen the eleventh day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and eleven - I Gullin Connely of the State of North Carolina County of Duplin being now advanced in age and just recovering from a severe illness but of sound disposing mind and memory and reflecting on the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death have now determined to settle my worldly affairs for which purpose. I make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner and form following. That is to say. First this is my will and desire that all my just be paid also my funeral charges should be duly paid by my Exors herein after named out of such part of my estate as they may think proper and the residue to be distributed in the following manner (To wit) 1st I lend to my beloved wife Feliak Connely the plantation and house where I now live and all working tools whereunto belonging and ~~three~~ three mares and two colts and six Cows & calves and stock of sheep together with the following negroes viz Moses Easter Jim Charles Geor Willis Bob Lora and Glory during her natural life or widowhood & then to be distributed as in hereinafter named & mentioned 2nd "I give and bequeath to my son John Connely all my lands lying on the north side of Poley Bridge branch together with the one half of a tract of land purchased of John Blount lying above the fork of said branch only reserving such part of said lands as will overflow" - I also give him the privilege of grinding his own grain in said mill toll free as long as helps to keep said mill in repair and also one bed and furniture one cow and calf one horse and saddle and two head of sheep to him and his heirs forever 4th I give and bequeath to my son Owen Connely. The four hundred and fifty dollars I paid towards the lands he now lives on and one horse and saddle one bed and furniture one cow and calf and two head of sheep to him & his heirs forever. 5th I give and bequeath to my son William Connely all that tract of land I purchased of Samuel Stauford one horse and saddle one bed & furniture one cow and calf & two head of sheep to him and his heirs forever - 6th I give & bequeath to my son Luke Connely all my land on the south side of Poley -

bridge branch including the lands I bought of Robert Byrd
 and also the one half of a tract I purchased of John Blount being
 the half of the tract I bequeathed to my son John Connolly lying due
 the fork of said poly bridge branch one horse bridle & saddle one bed
 and furniture one cow and calf and the blacksmith tools and
 also my still and two head of sheep to him and his heirs forever -
 7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Guy one negro woman
 name Diniah one bed and furniture two cows & calves one woman's
 saddle and two head of sheep to her and her heirs forever -
 8th I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Lanes one negro woman
 name Rose one bed and furniture one woman's saddle two calves &
 two head of sheep to her and her heirs forever - 9th I give and
 bequeath to my daughter Francis Austin one negro girl name
 Ginny one bed and furniture two calves one woman's saddle
 and two head of sheep to her and her heirs forever - 10th I give
 and bequeath to my daughter Susan Page one negro girl name
 Lily one bed and furniture two cows and calves and one woman's
 saddle and two head of sheep to her and her heirs forever - 11th
 I give and bequeath to my daughter Shelly Blount one negro girl
 name Rachel one bed and furniture two cows & calves two head of
 sheep and fourteen dollars in lieu of the woman's saddle to her &
 her heirs forever. 12th I give and bequeath to daughter Betsey
 one negro girl name Doll and also at my wife's death one
 other negro girl name Sarah one bed and furniture two cows
 and calves one woman's saddle and two head of sheep to her
 and her heirs forever. And further it is my will and desire that
 after my wife's death that my son John Connolly shall have my
 negro man name Jim and my son John Connolly my negro
 boy name Charles, and my son William Connolly my negro boy
 George and my son Luke Connolly my negro man name Moses
 which said four negroes. I give and bequeath to them forever -
 only reserving from hundred dollars from my firm my firm sons then
 mentioned. for my six daughters to be divided between them share
 & share. and it is further my will and desire that after the
 death of my said wife all the rest of my negroes, and all the rest
 of my property that has not been disposed of should be Equally
 divided among my said six daughters share & share only reserving
 one third part of all the six part of my daughter Polly Guy

that is bequeathed after her mother's death for the use and benefit of her two children she had by her first husband Mrs Bennett and that third part to be equally divided between them that is to say between Lethia Bennett + John Bennett which I give and bequeath to them and their heirs forever and it is further my will and desire that my four sons pay the above mentioned four hundred Dollars proportion to the value of their negroes herein bequeathed at the time they receive them and lastly I do by these presents ordain constitute and appoint my beloved sons John Connerly + Luke Connerly my Exrs to this my last will and testament; hereby revoking and annulling all other wills or testaments by me heretofore made & declaring this my and this only to be my last will and testament. Signed sealed pronounced and declared by the testator to be his last will and testament in the presence of D Wright Hugh Bush Lewis Jackson

Gulline Connerly test

State of North Carolina }
Duplin County }

Long Term 1781

Then was the within will proved in open Court by the oath of Thomas Routledge Esq ordered to be filed do Test Wm Jackson G. C. April Court 1781 Hugh McE Camm one of the Exrs named in the within will came before the Court & qualified by taking the oath of an Exr according to law etc. ordered that letters issue accordingly Test Wm Jackson G. C.

State of North Carolina

Duplin County - In the name of God Amen this the forth Fourth day of February in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred + seventy seven - I Joseph Carr of the State and County aforesaid being of perfect mind + memory of which mineyes I thank my God. And calling to mind the mortality of my in this my advanced age and that is appointed for all men once, to die to which I most submit when it shall please God to call us hopes of a glorious resurrection thro my lord + savior Jesus Christ to whom I commend my soul and my body I commit to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my Exrs whom I shall hereafter name + appoint. And as to what worldly estate