

personal estate wherewith it hath pleased god to bless
 me with in manner and form as followeth to wit.
 Item I bequeath unto my well beloved wife Rebekah during
 her life or widowhood Two negro boys and Abram
 the Cow and calve, one horse and mare and stock
 of hogs and what money I have by me and all
 my household goods, and furniture and plantation
 tools during his life or widowhood. Item I give and
 bequeath unto my well beloved son Samuel my
 upper tract of land to him his heirs and assigns for
 ever five head of cattle one mare called Littlefoot
 and Negro boy named Cleas. Item I give and bequeath
 unto my well beloved daughter Elizabeth, one negro
 girl, named Cleas, Five head of cattle, Item I give
 and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Rebekah
 five head of cattle and, and the first child that the
 Negro wench brings that I left to my wife. Item I
 give and bequeath unto my well beloved son John
 the plantation wherow I now live to him his
 heirs and assigns for ever and five head of cattle
 and the second child the aforesaid wench brings.
 And furthermore it is my will that after my wife's
 decease or marriage that the remainder part of my
 Estate that I have not disposed of to to my children
 measuring the part of my estate left in my ^{late} wife's
 hands during her life or widowhood should be equally
 divided amoungst my children, my eldest son Samuel
 being twenty one years old. Further more I do
 constitute and appoint to my well beloved Brother
 John Ingram and my wife Executor and Executrix of this
 my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I the
 said Abner Ingram have hereon to set his hand &
 affixed this seal this 25th day of September anno domini
 1778. Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of. Test.
 Nathan Williams, William Hilliard, Richard Hillyard,
 Abner ⁱⁿ Ingram ^{mark} Seal
 State of N^o Carolina } October Court 1782.
 Duplin County I this was the within will from

in open court in due form of Law by the
 last of Nathan Williams and Richard Hillyard
 two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at the
 same time Isidore Ingram the Executor named in
 the said will came before the Court and took the
 oath of an Executor according to Law &c. - And
 that letters may issue accordingly.

Test. W. Dickson C. C.

In the name of god amee I James James of
 Duplin County and State of North Carolina being in
 a Law State of health but of sound and perfect
 mind and memory do constitute and ordain this my
 last will and Testament in form and manner
 following viz: - I will in the first place that all
 my just debts be paid out of my personal Estate and
 the Residue to be disposed of as follows (to wit). To
 my son Thomas E James I give and bequeath all the
 Lands I purchased for James Carroll which by sue
 may fully appear amounting in the whole to three
 hundred and fifty five acres. To my son Gabriel
 H James I leave and bequeath all that Parcell of
 Land I purchased from Alexander Dickson and plantation
 and Land known by the name of Pearree place To
 my well beloved wife Mary James I will that she
 live at the Cross roads. The manter House or remove
 to the place called the cool spring at her option.
 During her natural life. My will and desire is that
 after my debts and funeral expenses be paid and
 discharged, that my whole Estate of negroes be equally
 divided betwixt my beloved wife Mary James and my
 children namely Mary Teachy, Thomas E. Elizabeth, Dorothy
 Ann, Gabriel Holmes, James Rebecca and Catherine
 R James share and share alike. Assurance to my
 said wife the use of my negro woman tall during
 her natural life and should the old wench out live
 my ^{late} wife then and in that case she is to go to
 any of my children she thinks proper to live not to

remain up thru six months in any one place and
any of my children with whom she may live are to
give her comfortable food and cloathing suitable to
her age and state of her health. and also I give to
my wife Mary James all my Household furniture
stock of every kind and plantation tools &c.
I will that my negro girl Judy be considered in in
my daughter Mary Harkins distribution share of
my negroes. I would not have it construed that
Panic Lands given to my son Gabriel H (the funders
from I Peacock as Sheriff) should intitled Thomas E.
to Said Peacock place as it is given to said Gabriel.
And to my friend Thomas Shippard twenty dollars legatee
to be paid by my Executors two years after my death.
I will that our dollar be given to the daughter
of James Bailey of Bladine County. Said Bailey was
formerly a merchant at Havelock and I do hereby
nominate and appoint my beloved friend James
Peacock James Carr and Gabriel Holmes Executor -
my wife Mary James Executor to this my last
will and Testament. Rescoking all others do declare
this my Last will and Testament. In Testimony
I James James have hereunto set my hand and put
my seal this 14th day of March 1790. Signed, sealed,
Published and declared in presence of us the subscribers.
The Rutledge Sub. William Johnston Joseph Johnston.

James James Esq.

State of N^o Carolina) October Term 1790.

Duplin County)

There was the within will of James James demand
exhibited into Court and proved in due form of
Law by the oath of Thomas Rutledge Sub. one of the
subscribing witnesses thereto. And at the same time
Jeremiah Peacock one of the Executors named in the
said will and Mary James the Executor came before
the court and declassified as such according to law.
Ordered that letters issue accordingly.

Test H. Pickens Co. L.

In the Name of God amen I Amos Johnson of the
State of North Carolina and county of Duplin being
weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory
thanks be to god for it. Do make and ordain this
my last will and testament as follows. My soul
I give to almighty god that gave it me at first
and my body to the Earth to be buried in a
honest and Christian like manner at the discretion
of my Executors and survivors. And as touching my
worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased god to bless
me with in this life I dispose of in manner and
form as follows viz:- Item. I give and bequeath
to my daughter Mary Harris and to the heirs of my
daughter Regia Harkins my plantation on North
River in Carteret County. Item I give and bequeath
unto my daughter Mary Harris and to the heir of
her body one Negro man named Long but my
Executors shall have power to hire out the said Negro
Long and the money from the use of my daughter
and her children. Item I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Regia Harkins and to her children one Negroe
woman named Pleasant and also one girl named Gilla
and one boy named Jack. Item I leave unto my
wife Sappho during her natural life or widowhood
one feather bed and furniture one cow and calf one
Duck, one cedar chest two plates, one basin
one square table also meat fat and bread corn for
the seasoning. also two two year old hogs one sow
and pig, three gun some cotton and linen wheat &
at her decease for these to be returned to my daughter
in law Sarah Laine - I turn my desire is that my
four youngest children shall find my wife Sappho a
sufficient support during her life or widowhood. Item
I give unto my son William Johnston the following
articles and to his heirs Lawfully begotten the plantation
whereon I now live also two hundred acres of land
I bought from William Bickett also seventy five
acres of land on the south of Cypress Creek also one Negroe