

written, Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said James Millard the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who are present at the time of signing and sealing, Peter Wooten, John Burnett.

James Millard Test.

Duplin County } October Term 1822.

There was the within will proven in open Court by the oath of Peter Wooten and John Burnett the subscribing witnesses and at the same time Reman Millard and Charles Millard. Qualified Executors of S^d Will.

Test. Jas. Parnall Clk.

State of North Carolina Duplin County. I James Mathews of the state and County aforesaid being in perfect mind and memory but in low state of health and calling to mind that it was appointed by god for all men to dy and after death to judgment. I desire to leave my soul to god which gave it and my body to be buried at the direction of my friends and my worldly property in the following manner. First I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Langston and the heirs of her body one negro girl Willy one bed and furniture. I also mention to my Daughter Mary Stewart one negro girl Hannah which she has, a bed of gifts for I also give and bequeath to her one bed and furniture which she has had. I also give and bequeath to my Daughter Charity one negro girl Cass one bed and furniture to her and the heirs of her body. I also give and bequeath to my Daughter Rachel one negro girl Charlot Removing the first child. Child the said Charlot has to be three years old to my son Michael which I also give and bequeath to said Michael also one bed and furniture to my Daughter Rachel also one bed and furniture to my son Michael. I also give and bequeath to my son James Mathews part part of my Land

and plantation viz. All on the south side of poley Bridge and the Bowin marsh Branch one negro girl named Ed. I also give and bequeath to my son John Mathews all my land and plantation on the north side of the poley Bridge and Bowin Branch also one negro boy named Jim one horse named Dolin. I also give and bequeath to my wife during her life my negro woman Ren and her Iremare and after her death to my son Herring Mathews. I also lend to my wife during her life the remainder of my property after paying my debts and after her death to be divided among my Daughters. I also give and bequeath to my son Richard Mathews one hundred and six acres of land one horse, Bridle, and saddle which he has had I also leave and bequeath that my wife Elizabeth Mathews and my son John Mathews to execute the my last will in witness whereof I have set my hand this 22nd February 1821. Attest. Edw^d J. Butlaw. Elizabeth Butlaw.

James^{his} Mathews Test.
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Duplin County } Court of Pleas and Quarter Session
N^c Carolina } April Term 1822.

There was the within will proved in open Court by the oath of Edward Butlaw one of the subscribing witnesses and at the same time the Executors named therein qualified as Executors thereof and ordered to be recorded.

Test. Jas. Parnall Clk.

State of North Carolina } In the name of God, Amen
Newhanover County } I James Murray of the County
and State above described, being of sound and perfect mind and memory. (Blessed be God) do this 2nd day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred twenty six, make and publish this my last Will and testament in manner following that is to say

First I give and bequeath to my son in Law Amos
Waller Eight Shillings. Secondly I give and bequeath
to my beloved children Hecator Murray Ethelinda Stakely
Rhody Murray Daniel Murray and Hiram Murray all
my Personal property to be sold and Equally divided.
And I hereby make and ordain my beloved son and
son in Law Hiram and Lona Murray Executors of
this my Last Will and Testament. In witness whereof
I the said James Murray have to this my last Will
and Testament set my hand Seal the day and year
above written. Signed, Seal, Published and declared by
the said James Murray the Testator as his Last will
Testament in the presence of us who were present at
the time of Signing and Sealing thereof. Test.
Jonathn Johnson. Daniel ^{his} Bradshaw (The above
being Executed on the 3rd May 1827)

James Murray (Seal)
State of N^o Carolina } Faby Term 1828.
Duplin County }

There was the within will proved in open Court
in due form of law by the oath of said Bradshaw
Ordered to be enrolled and at the same time Hiram
Murray and Lona Murray Qualified as Executors
thereof. Ordered that letters Issue.

Test Jas Pennell C. C. K.

In the Name of God Amen I Abraham of the County
of Duplin being vigorous in body but am now in
perfect senility but knowing that it is appointed for
every man once to die do ordain and make this
my last will and Testament. Item, I give to my
son Theophilus Merritt five shillings. I give to my
son Abraham Merritt two hundred acres of land
and a cow and yearling which he has received I give
to my Daughter Rebecca a feather bed and furniture
two fowls Barons and a Dish a Cow and calf and
a two year old Heifer which she has received. I give
to my son Michael Merritt one hundred acres of

land Lying between the flat Branch and Bush
Branch on the same more or less and one cow
and calf and aparts I give to my two Daughters Barbara
and Beder my old plantation on Stewards Creek and
a feather bed to each. I give to my son H. Murray the
mill and two hundred acres of land joining said
mill and a cow and calf after his mothers Death.
I give to my beloved wife the man and colt and
cattle and the profits arising from the mill during
her widowhood to support her and the young children
as also the hogs and a bed. and after her Death
to be sold and Equally divided among the Children, as
also I give my wife all the working tools as the above
mentioned. I give to my Daughter Eliza Merritt cattle
or money to the amount of pounds, all the house
hold goods except what I have here bequeathed I leave
my will as above mentioned. I give my two Daughters
Barbara and Beder a cow and calf to each and I
leave the cart wheels for the use of my wife and little
children and I appoint Nathiel Merritt and Daniel
Merritt executor. In witness here of I have set my
hand and seal this 29th Day of March 1802. Test -
Stephen Smyth. Elizabeth ^{his} Merritt. Unity ^{his} Cook.
Abraham ^{his} Merritt. Michael ^{his} Merritt (Seal)

Proved October Term 1803. by oath of Stephen Smyth.
Executor not Qualified. No fees paid.

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Merritt of the
County of Duplin and State of North Carolina being
sick of body but in perfect mind and memory do
make and declare this to be my last will and
Testament. First and principally I bequeath my soul
to the hand of Almighty God who gave it and my
body I commit to the dust from whence it came
to be buried in a Christian like manner at the
direction of my friends. My worldly estate I