

and calves and one yearling one plough and
 six one drawing knife and one hoe one cart.
 six platin four bolus two mugs one pot. Item I
 will that my just debts and funeral expenses be
 paid before this property be distributed. I constitute
 and appoint my beloved brother Frederick Wells my
 executor of this my last will and testament. Two
 witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and two. Signed, sealed and delivered in
 presence of us. John Matthias Mary^{his} Murphy.
 Mary^{his} Brown.

Barbara^{his} Murphy Seal.

State of N^c Carolina } July Term 1802.
 Duplin County }

There was the within will proved in open Court
 in due form of Law by the oath of John Matthias
 one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. — and at the
 same time Frederick Wells the Executor named
 in the said will came before the Court and qualified
 as an Executor according to Law. — Ordered that Letters
 issue accordingly.

Test W^m Dickson C. C.

State of N^c Carolina } This Day Phill Southland
 Duplin County } I came before me one of the
 State Justices of the peace for S^c County and
 made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God
 that George Mallard deceased called on said Southland
 last night to write his will he the said Mallard
 in a very low state but in his perfect senses to
 the best of his knowledge and he the said Mallard
 told him the S^c Southland that in the first place
 he wanted to give his land to his daughter Mary
 and for his rest to be interrupted with it at which
 time the cough took him of a sudden and
 now appeared to be capable of making and

further will and died about Ten o'clock or
 some earlier this day. Sworn to and subscribed
 before me this 27th Day of March 1798. Test Robt
 Southland

Phill Southland.

State of N^c Carolina } April Term 1798.
 Duplin County }

There was the within Noncupation will of George
 Mallard Exhibited into Court by Robert Southland
 Esq before whom it was taken, and ordered to be
 filed in the Clerks Office.

Test W^m Dickson C. C.

In the name of God amen. the seventh day of
 April in the year of our Lord 1798. I James Murray
 of Duplin County and State of North Carolina being
 very old and weak in body but of perfect mind
 and memory thanks be given unto God therefore
 calling unto mind the mortality of my body
 and knowing that it is appointed for all men one
 to die do make and ordain this my last will and
 Testament that is to say principally and first of
 all I give and Recommend my soul unto
 the hands of God that gave it and for my body
 I Recommend to the earth to be buried in Christian
 like and decent manner at the discretion of
 my Executors nothing doubting but at the General
 Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the
 mighty power of God and as touching such worldly
 estate where with it has pleased God to bless me in
 this life I give and devise and dispose of the
 same in the following manner and form.
 I prescribe it is my will and I do order that in
 the first place all my just debts and funeral
 charges be paid and satisfied. Item I leave unto
 my beloved wife all my hole estate during her
 widowhood or life making no debt and after
 my wifes manage or Decase I give and bequeath

the rest of my estate as follows. I then I give and bequeath to my son James Murray my negro boy named Sutton to him and his heirs and assigns for ever and half my wearing apparel. I then I give and bequeath to my son Arthur Murray my negro man named Sam and my duck to him and his heirs and assigns forever, and half my wearing apparel. I then I give and bequeath all my ungiven estate to be equally divided as follows that is to say my daughter Elizabeth Mackborn's children is to share their mother's share with the rest of my daughter Sarah James and sister Rickett and Charity Williams and if any one of my daughters should die before their husbands then I give my grandchildren their mother's share. I then my ungiven property as above mentioned to be equally divided among my above mentioned daughters and my daughter Elizabeth Mackborn's children drawing their mother's share with the rest of my daughters to them and their heirs and assigns forever. I then the bed and furniture that my son Arthur holds on is his right and property and likewise the plantation tools is his right and property. I do hereby utterly disavow revoke and rescind all and every other former testaments wills legacies and executions by me in any ways before this time named, willed, 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 the day and year above written Signed Sealed, published, pronounced, and ordered by the said James Murray as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers &c. And now to conclude the tale I do appoint and ordain Mr John Thigpen and Mr John Farnior Executors to this my last will and testament given under my hand and seal. Test John Thigpen. Stephen ^{his} Hancock.
 James Murray ^{his} Seal

State of N^c Carolina } October Term 1797.
Duplin County }
Then was the within will exhibited into Court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of John Thigpen and Stephen Hancock the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at the same time John Thigpen and John Farnior the Executors named in the said will came before the court and qualified as Executors thereto according to law. And that letters issue accordingly.
Test. W^m Dickson C.C.

In the name of God Amen. I Abraham Mollen of the State of North Carolina and county of Duplin, being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory blessed be God, do this twenty third day of November in the ninth year of the American Independance and in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and Eighty four make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following 1st It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Sarah Mollen do remain in quite and peaceable possession of the one third of my lands on Stewart's creek and back branch, which I purchased from Felix Kuman, James Kuman and Joseph Williams. So as to include the house and plantation on the South west side of back branch where I now live during her natural life. 2nd I give and bequeath to my son John Mollen that part of my lands on Stewart's creek. Beginning running out with Thomas Johnston's line to his upper back corner, and from thence a due west to the back line of my land, and thence northward between the S^d back line and the creek as far as my land runs to him and his heirs forever. 3^d I will and ordain that my son Michael Mollen have a certain tract of