

Mentioned well as when I have given as a small  
downing the remaining divide to be small in proportion  
to the larger ones. Lastly I nominate and appoint  
John Mc Canna Jr my whole executor to this my last  
Will and do by these present authorise him and my  
him with full power as such. To this my last will  
and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal. This December the 9<sup>th</sup> 1824.  
Signed, Sealed. In presence of us. Test William McCanna Jr.  
John McCanna Jr.

Howell Hunter *(Seal)*

State of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina } April Term 1827.  
Duplicin County } There was the within Will  
sworn in open court in due form of law by the  
Cath Jno McCanna Jr. and at the same time John  
McCanna Jr. The Executor named in said Will  
Qualified as Executor thence. Ordered that letter issue  
Test Jas Peacock Esq.

In the name of God Amen. I Jesus Christ of Duplicin  
king of sound and perfect Mind and memory (Blessed be  
God) do this fourteenth day of December in the year of  
our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy  
Eight. Make and publish this my last Will and  
Testament in manner following that is to say. First  
I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Mary Herring  
my plantation wherow, I now live with the houses and  
apertures thereunto belonging during her life also my  
riding horse, bridle and saddle, also two beds and  
furniture, with the bedsteads cords and bides thence  
belonging. I also bequeath to my well beloved daughter  
Nancy, one bed and furniture and bedsted and cow &  
a three year old heifer and a three year old steer and  
one cow, and the remainder of the shop to my well  
beloved wife Mary during her lifetime thence to be equally  
dividied among the children also four cows and calves  
two three year old steers and two year old steers. I also  
give and bequeath to my well beloved son Jess. One

tract of land containing two hundred acres lying on  
the river Darr swamp in New Hanover County also one  
cow and year old steer. I also give and bequeath to my  
well beloved son Richard one plantation containing two  
hundred acres of land lying in Duplin County on the  
Great Swamp one cow and calf. I also give and bequeath  
to my well beloved daughter Elizabeth one three year  
old heifer and one two year old steer and one sick. Also  
I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Henry  
one cow and calf. Also to my daughter in law Sarah  
one three year old heifer and one sow and pigs also  
to my daughter Nancy as named above one small  
pot and five plates and 2 gear also to my wife as  
above named two pots, ten plates, and soon basom &  
three dishes and one pair of stidyards and her some  
the steel yards to my son Jess. and I also give to my  
above named daughter in law Sarah two plates and all  
my working tools to my above named wife Mary during her  
life time thence to her Equally divided between my above  
named two sons Jess and Richard and also the above  
plantation which I have left to my wife as above mentioned  
at her decease to be the property of my son Jess. and I  
give to my above named wife Mary all the remainder of  
my house hold furniture with all the hogs and all the gees  
and every other thing of my property which is not here  
mentionned, and I hereby make and ordain my well  
beloved wife Mary Herring and my Loving Brother in law  
Thomas Fort. Executor and Executrix of this my last will  
and testament in witness whereof the said Jesus  
Herring have to this my last will and testament set  
my hand and seal the day and year above written.  
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Jesus Herring  
the testator as his last will and Testament, in presence  
of us who were present at the time of signing. R<sup>d</sup>  
Herring, Abner Fort, Laban Tatums.

Jess Herring *(Seal)*  
State of North Carolina } April Term 1789.  
Duplin County } There was the within will

Proved in open Court in due form of Law by Richard Herring one of the subscribing witnesses Thence ordered that Letters issue accordingly.

Test. Wm Dickson C.C.

In the Name of God Amme. I Samuel Herring of Duplin County and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be god to the fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and nine make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner following that is to say. First. I give and bequeath my body to the dust from whence it sprang and my soul to the Father of spirits. Secondly. I give and bequeath to my loving and beloved wife Rachel Herring two cows, two sows and sixteen pigs one Bed and furniture, my Black mare, six hundred lbs of Bacon, 7 often Barrels of corn and 7 bushels of Pease, one Butter, one hog one axe one Linen wheel one woolen wheel one small Pot and three chairs and one saddle. Thirdly. I give and bequeath to my son William Herring one Bed and furniture and one gun. Fourthly I give to my son Frederick Herring one Bed and furniture and one gun. Fifthly. I give to my daughter Polly one Bed which she is to make out of new feather now in my house and the saddle that was called Sylas Sixth. I give to my son Henry one Bed and furniture. Seventh. I give to my daughter Abby money sufficient to buy her a Bed if any shall be left after my just debts shall be paid. Eighth. I leave the rest of my Property to be sold at twelve months credit to the highest Bidder and the money arising from the sale and the collection of my debts to be equally divided between my wife and all my children above named; after my just debts shall be paid. And I hereby make and ordain my friend John Elliot Executor of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I the said Samuel Herring have to this my last will

and Testament set my hand and seal the day & year first written and annexed. Signed, sealed published and declared by the <sup>S<sup>r</sup></sup> Samuel Herring the Testator as his last will and Testament, in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing hereof. Livi Bardin Solomon <sup>man</sup> House Lewis Rose.

Samuel Herring <sup>Seal</sup>

State of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina ) January Term 1809.  
Duplin County ) There was the within will  
Proved in Court in due form of law by the oath  
of Livi Bardin one of the subscribing witnesses  
thereof and at the same time John Elliot the  
Executor named in the said will came before the  
Court and qualified as such according to law.  
Ordered that letters issue accordingly.

Test. Wm Dickson C.C.

In the name of God, Amme. The twenty first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety seven. I Stephen Herring of the County of Duplin in the State of North Carolina, being aged and in a weak and low State of Bodily Health but of sound and disposing mind and memory. Blessed be god, and considering the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die. do make and declare this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following that is to say. I recommend my soul to god who gave it me and my Body to the Earth from whence it came to be decently Buried at the discretion of my Executors herein after named. And as to such worldly Estate, as God hath given places to bless me with in this life. I give and dispose of in manner and form following. First it is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral charges be duly paid by my Executors, for which purpose it is my will that they sell such part of the crop as may be conveniently spared, and if not sufficient, to sell out immediately such of the Negroes as they may think proper for that purpose till sufficient is raised