

live. to my two sons Henry Cook + Lewis Cook to be divided equally in value at the discretion of my Ex<sup>rs</sup> So as the upper bridge where I now live shall be long. to Lewis Cook above mentioned man while my beloved wife Cathin Cook is to have peaceable possession of the plantation where I now live during her natural life nevertheless if she think fits to live this County and not remain throu the whole use of the plantation to belong to Lewis Cook my second son from as already mentioned. I also give and bequeath to my son John Cook one tract of land on Island Creek contain one hundred and fifty acres be the same more or less to him and his forever. I also give to my wife Cathin one gray mare name June and the use of the other what the family remain together and having come to the age of twenty one then he to do with them as he may think fits remaining the remainder in of this the remainder of the huns hermay is also to have three two year old heifer and pay his part of the debts and manner I give and bequeath to my daughter many two cows + calfs and one two year old heifer and one bed + furniture already called huss and no more the remainder of the cattle to belong to my wife and the use of my children namely Lewis + John Cook to be divided when so my Ex<sup>rs</sup> may think best. I also give and bequeath to my wife + the children from Lewis + John Cook all my hogs house hold furniture and the plantations tools for their support and payments of debts and to be divided at what time and what manner they Ex<sup>rs</sup> may think best so as to prevent any public sale of any part of my whole means my Ex<sup>rs</sup> and lastly I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Cathin Cook and Robert Drexler Esq<sup>r</sup> my Ex<sup>rs</sup> of this my last will + testament in witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand + fix my seal the day and date above written in the presence of of two Andrew Thally John Cook

John <sup>his</sup> Cook ~~seal~~  
mark

State of North Carolina  
Duplin County

April Term 1818

John The within will was proved in open Court by the oath of  
Grampal David Pook and Archibald Maywell two of the subscribing  
witness thereto at the same time the Ex<sup>rs</sup> therein named qualified  
according to Law ordered that letters issue accordingly

Joh<sup>n</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Drexler C<sup>l</sup>ck.

In the name of God Amen. I John Crawford being of perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this the 14th day of April 1818 do make and publish this my last will & testament in the manner following that is to say. First it is my will & desire that wife Rebecca Crawford have my negro woman Esther & her two children Billy & Billy during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided amongst my nine children William & John Peter & Sally & Elizabeth & Rebecca Liddie Rachel & Mary, and one cow & calf yearling 2<sup>ndly</sup> it is my will & desire that my son James Crawford have all my lands including my household and plantation to him & his heirs forever & one cow & yearling - 3<sup>rdly</sup> It is my will & desire that all the balance of my stock be equally divided amongst my nine children William John Peter Sally Rebecca Elizabeth Liddie Rachel & Mary to them & their heirs forever and I hereby make & obtain my friend Archibald Maxwell & my son John Crawford Esq to my last will & testament signed sealed published & declaimed in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing & sealing thereof. D. Brock - Mary Brock  
A. Maxwell John<sup>his</sup> Crawford - mark

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October Term 1801

Then was the within will exhibited into Court and proved in open Court in due form of Law by the oath of Hardy Bizzell & William Cherry two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at the same time Hardy Bizzell & Lemuel Cherry the Esqs named in said will came before the Court & qualified as such according to Law

Test Wm Dickson C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I Willis Cherry being weak in body & calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my last will and testament in manner & form following Viz First I bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Cherry one feather bed and furniture during her widowhood one mare during her widowhood one negro woman by the name of Linda one negro girl by the name of Tress to be her property during her widowhood two cows & calves during her widowhood one third of my plantation when I now live during her widowhood at the death or marriage of my wife Sarah Cherry the property above mentioned to be sold or equal divided between my six daughters except her part of land titles. Mary Elizabeth Millard, Rebecca Cherry Nancy Cherry Sally Cherry Polly Cherry

Willis  
W  
Cherry

Permitted  
Elizabeth