

and Benjamin Burch or so many of them As I shall be lying
 at the present time Excepting my land which I now live on and that
 to be valued by three free holdes & that I give to my son Charles
 Burch and he buying the rest of my children according to the
 value of the land an equal part and I do hereby utterly
 disavow revoke and disannul all others and other free
 wills & Legacies and bequests. Ratifying and confirming this &
 no other to be my last will and testament and do choose
 Uriah Blanchard John Gibbs to be my Exors in witness my
 hand and seal this day and year above mentioned Signed sealed
 and delivered in presence of us Uriah Blanchard. John Gibbs
 575- Nathaniel Dale Joseph D Burch Seal

Duplin County-

May 17th 1761 - 1300

Proved in Court the 12th May 1761 by the oath of
 John Garbrough. Registered in the Registration Office in
 Duplin County in Lib^{ry} C. Folio 127 by me John Meason Reg^r
 In the name of God this fifth day of July in the year of our Lord
 one thousand seven hundred and sixty one I John Bird
 of Duplin County being very sick & weak in body but in perfect
 mind & memory thanks be given to God. Therefore calling to mind the
 mortality of my body and knowing that it appointed for all men once
 to die Do make and ordain this my last will and testament that to
 be say principally and first of all I give & recommend my soul to
 the care the hands of God that govern it and for my body I recommend to
 the earth to be buried in a christian-like manner at the discretion
 of my Exors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall
 have the same again by the mighty power of God restoring worldly
 estate herewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life. I give devise
 & bequeath the same in manner & form. Viz I give and bequeath
 twenty beavered saw John Bird. one hundred acres of land with
 the plantations whereon I now live and one negro boy name Luke an
 one cow and yearling and one horn colt name major to him and his
 heirs for ever. I give to my well beloved son Michael Bird one
 negro girl name Ruffles and one cow and yearling and one
 rifle gun and a mare colt name murch to him and his
 heirs for ever I give to my well beloved daughter Bethiah
 Mynd one mulatto girl name cleve one then cows and

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yearlings and to her and her heirs forever. Then I give to my well
 beloved daughter Delah Pope the first child that my negro woman Pat
 shall have & place him to be two years old after I shall have executed and
 colver to her and her heirs for ever. Then I give to my well beloved Catharine
 Pope one negro woman name Pat and all the remaining part of my estate that
 is not yet mentioned excepting my — and will now and prize and my other
 negro that is not yet mentioned and those to be equally divided betwix
 my four children and I likewise constitute and make and ordain
 Michael King and Edward Bird my only and sole Exors of this
 my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disavow revoke
 and disallow every other and former testament will & legacies Bequests
 and execution by me any will before this time made and bequeathed
 hereby my and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament
 In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and
 year above written signed sealed published and discharged by the
 said as his last will and testament in presence of us the subscribers
 54⁶ John Tarborough George Bells John Byrd Seal

Wilmington December 12th 1766. Personally appeared
 before me James Myhand one of the seaboards exors to
 the within will and being examined on oath for the due
 Execution of the same. Let it be registered Tho Moryl ast. Judge
 In the name of God amen. I Joseph Boykin of Duplin
 County & former of North Carolina being sick and weak of body
 but of a sound and perfect mind and memory pray is he given
 to almighty God do make and ordain this my last will & testament
 in manner & form following that is to say at first & principally
 I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God now give
 it, hoping through the merits death and passion of my Lord and
 Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and for-
 giveness of all my sins and my body I commit to the earth to be
 decently buried at the discretion of my Exors hereafter named
 and what worldly goods and estate it has pleased God to bestow
 upon me I give and dispose as follow first I will that
 all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and
 discharged. Then I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah
 six cows and calves. Then I give and bequeath to my son