

may have sufficient education given and
 the expense to be payed out of their own share last
 for themselves. Lastly I do appoint my Friends Felix Kewan
 William Gooden. and George Smith Exrs of this my last will
 and testament hereby revoking all former and other wills by me
 made and confirming this and only this to be my last will and
 sealed witnessed and in the presence of ^{his} ~~James~~ ^{James} Barnett
 William Barnes

In the Name of God Amen the twenty fifth day of August
 one thousand seven hundred and sixty four I Joseph Burch of
 Duplin and former of North Carolina Planting my sick & weak
 in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to almighty
 God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and
 knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make
 and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say. Prin-
 cipally and first of all and recommend ^{I give} my soul in
 the hands of God who gave it and my body I recommend to the
 earth to be buried in a decent Christian like burial at the dis-
 cretion of my Exrs nothing doubting. But at the general
 resurrection I shall receive the same again by the power of
 God and as touching such worldly estate hereto it hath
 pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the
 same as following manner & form - First of all. my will is that
 a certain tract of land lying in the County & former of record
 on the head of Bear marsh containing two hundred acres that now
 belongs to me to be sold by the Exrs according to their best judgment
 and the money received or so much of the same to the use of
 paying my respective debts and the rest of the one plus if any to be
 put to the rest of my estate to be disposed as I shall ^{there} further
 my last will and testament furthermore I give and bequeath to
 Ann to my dear and beloved wife all other of my lands house-
 hold goods and creatures of every kind as I am possessed with
 or do own with all the privileges to the same belonging for her
 to possess and enjoy during her life time and after her decease
 my will further is that estate to be equally divided amongst
 my dear beloved children Charles Burch. Ammirity Burch
 Richard Burch Joseph Burch John Burch Christopher Burch

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 freeholders & that I give to my son Charles
Burch and he buying the rest of my children according to the
value of the land in equal part and I do hereby utterly
disallow revoke and disannul all others and other laws
will & Legies 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 Exrs 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 I Burch Seal

Duplin County-

May 17th 1861

Proved in Court the 12th May 1861 by the oath of
John Garbrough. Registered in the Registration Office in
Duplin County in Lib^{er} C. Folio 127 by me John Messam Reg^{is}
In the name of God this fifth day of July in the year of our lord
one thousand eight 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 even
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 hands of God that give it and for my body I recommend to
the earth to be buried in a christian like manner at the discretion
of my Exrs nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall
have the same again my the mighty power of God restoring worldly
estate herewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life. I give devise
sell my the same in manner & form. Viz I give and bequeath
to my beloved son John Bird one hundred acres of land with
the plantations whereon I now live and one negro boy name Felix and
one cow and yearling and one horse colt name major to him and his
heirs for ever. I give to my well beloved son Michael Bird one
negro girl name Fyler and one cow and yearling and one
rifle gun and a mare colt name monarch to him and his
heirs for ever I give to my well beloved daughter Betthiah
Bird one cow and one horse colt name Clara and

John
Bird