

that is bequeathed after her mother's death for the use and benefit of her two children she had by her first husband Mr. Bennett and that third part to be equally divided between them that is to say between Ruthia Bennett & John Bennett which I give and bequeath to them and their heirs forever and it is further my will and desire that my four sons pay the above mentioned four hundred Dollars proportion to the value of their negroes herein bequeathed at the time they receive them and lastly I do by these presents ordain constitute and appoint my beloved sons John Comerly & Luke Comerly my Exes to this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and reviving all other wills or testaments by me heretofore made Declaring this my and this only to be my last will and testament - Signed sealed pronounced and declared by the testator to be his last will and testament in the presence of D Wright Hugh Bush Lewis & Jackson

Gullie Comerly *(Signature)*

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Lany Term 1781

Here was the within will proved in open Court by the oath of Thomas Routledge Esq ordered to be filed to Just W<sup>e</sup> Dicksen C<sup>o</sup> April Court 1781 Hugh Mc Ginn one of the Exes named in the within will came before the Court & qualified by taking the oath of an Exe according to law etc. ordered that letters issue accordingly Test W<sup>e</sup> Dicksen Q.C.

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Joseph Carr Duplin County - In the name of God Amen this the fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven - I Joseph Carr of the State and County aforesaid being of perfect mind & memory of which where as I thank my God And calling to mind the mortality of my life this my advanced age and that is appointed for all men once to die to which I most submitte whom it shall please God to call no hopes of a glorious resurrection thro my body & soul Jesus Christ to whom I commend my soul and my body I commit to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my Exes whom I shall hereafter nominate & appoint. And as to what worldly estate

it has pleased God to bless me in this life. I do leave and bequeath in manner & form following Testimoniis I first order that all my just debts & funeral expences be first paid out of my moveable estate Item I leave and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Barbay the management of my whole estate both lands & moveable during her widowhood to manage by her own discretion for the good of my children with this provi & exception that if it should happen that any one of my sons should marry in which case my will and desire is that he have off his share of the lands and moveables according to the true intent & meaning of this my last will and testament but for in case my wife should marry after my death then in & such case it is my will that at the day of her marriage all my lands House & plantation shall immediately descend to my three sons to wit William Carr James Carr & John Carr all their equal alike share & share to each of them and to their heirs after them forever Item I bequeath to my beloved wife Barbay Carr of her in case of her marriage one third part of my moveables goods & chattles to be disposed of at her own discretion after my debts be paid first out of my whole Item I give and bequeath to my three sons William Carr James Carr John Carr all the rest and residues of my whole estate both real and personal to be equally divided by my Exe only reserving five shillings which I bequeath to Peter Morris to be paid out of my estate Item my will and desire is that my lands as above bequeathed be equally divided between my three sons in trust & manner aforesaid And I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Barbay Carr and my trusty friends Robert Dickson & Hugh M. Carr Esqrs to this my last will and testament disannulling & revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me made declaring this only to be my last will & testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day and year above mentioned & written Signed Sealed Published Declared this this last will & testament before me Thomas Rutledge Mary Boney <sup>his</sup> ~~and~~ Wallen Joseph <sup>her</sup> ~~and~~ Carr Seal

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This was the witness was the will was proved in open Court