

First I give and bequeath to my son in Law Amos
 Waller Eight Shillings. Secondly I give and bequeath
 to my beloved children Hecator Murray Ethelinda Staking
 Rhody Murray Daniel Murray and Hiram Murray all
 my Personal property to be sold and Equally divided.
 And I hereby make and ordain my beloved son and
 son in Law Hiram and Lona Murray Executors of
 this my Last Will and Testament. In witness whereof
 I the said James Murray have to this my last Will
 and Testament set my hand Seal the day and year
 above written. Signed, Seal, Published and declared by
 the said James Murray the Testator as his Last will
 Testament in the presence of us who were present at
 the time of Signing and Sealing thereof. Test.
 Jonathan Johnson. Daniel ^{his} Bradshaw (The above
 being Executed on the 3rd May 1827)

James Murray (Seal)
 State of N^o Carolina } Faby Term 1828.
 Duplin County }

There was the within will proved in open Court
 in due form of law by the oath of said Bradshaw
 Ordered to be enrolled and at the same time Hiram
 Murray and Lona Murray Qualified as Executors
 thereto. Ordered that letters Issue.

Test Jas Pennell C. C. K.

In the Name of God Amen I Absalom of the County
 of Duplin being vigorous in body but am now in
 perfect sense but knowing that it is appointed for
 every man once to die do ordain and make this
 my last will and Testament. Item, I give to my
 son Theophilus Merritt five shillings. I give to my
 son Absalom Merritt two hundred acres of land
 and a cow and yearling which he has received I give
 to my Daughter Rebecca a feather bed and furniture
 two fowls Barons and a Dish a Cow and calf and
 a two year old Heifer which she has received. I give
 to my son Michael Merritt one hundred acres of

land Lying between the flat Branch and Bush
 Branch on the same more or less and one cow
 and calf and aparts I give to my two Daughters Barbara
 and Bider my old plantation on Stewards Creek and
 a feather bed to each. I give to my son H. Murray the
 mill and two hundred acres of land joining said
 mill and a cow and calf after his mothers Death.
 I give to my beloved wife the man and colt and
 cattle and the profits arising from the mill during
 her widowhood to support her and the young children
 as also the hogs and a bed. and after her Death
 to be sold and Equally divided among the Children, as
 also I give my wife all the working tools as the above
 mentioned. I give to my Daughter Eliza Merritt cattle
 or money to the amount of pounds, all the house
 hold goods except what I have here bequeathed I leave
 my will as above mentioned. I give my two Daughters
 Barbara and Bider a cow and calf to each and I
 leave the cart wheel for the use of my wife and little
 children and I appoint Nathiel Merritt and Daniel
 Merritt executor. In witness here of I have set my
 hand and seal this 29th Day of March 1802. Test -
 Stephen Smyth. Elizabeth ^{his} Merritt. Unity ^{his} Cook.
 Absalom ^{his} Merritt (Seal)

Proved October Term 1803. by oath of Stephen Smyth.
 Executor not Qualified. No fees paid.

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Merritt of the
 County of Duplin and State of North Carolina being
 sick of body but in perfect mind and memory do
 make and declare this to be my last will and
 Testament. First and principally I bequeath my soul
 to the hand of Almighty God who gave it and my
 body I commit to the dust from whence it came
 to be buried in a Christian like manner at the
 direction of my friends. My worldly estate I

bequeath as followeth viz: The whole of my
Land and Estate of Cattle, horse, and hogs Tools and
furniture I Leave to my wife Elizabeth until
during her life in widowhood and at her decease
or at the expiration of her widowhood my will
is that the whole of my Estate Land cattle horse
and hogs and tools and house furniture fall
to my son William Merrill after paying my just
Debts and necessary Expenses. Lastly I constitute
and appoint my wife Elizabeth my executor and my brother
in law Thomas Garrison Executors to this my last
will and testament given under my hand and
seal in the year of our Lord and Saviour the
thousand seven hundred and ninety four. On the
twentyeth Day of December. Signed, Sealed, and Delivered
in presence of us: - Jos. William Farrow, Daniel Southwell

Joseph Merrill. Seal

State of N^c Carolina } January Term 1795.
Duplin County }

There was the within will proved in open Court by
the oath of William Farrow one of the subscribing
witnesses thereto. and at the same time Thomas Garrison
one of the Executors named in the said will came
before the Court and qualified according to law. Orders
that letters issue accordingly.

W^m Dickson C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I Sarah Matchet widow
of the county of Duplin and state of North Carolina.
being sick on bed but of sound mind and memory
and calling to mind the mortality of man kind
and knowing that it is appointed to all persons once
to die do make ordains Ratify and declare this to
be my last will and testament. that is to say
first of all I recommend my soul into the hand
of all mighty God who gave it and my body to the
Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at
the discretion of my Executors. In witness where as for

my worldly Estate that it hath been pleased God
to bestow on me with I give demise and Dispose of
as follows that is to say first to pay all my
just debts and funeral charges which I wish to
be come out of the rent corn that is due from
Nathan Gray and William Gray for the years Rent.
Last of that not being of suff to discharge all
them the rest of it to be made up out of my crop
Itorn, and as for the rest of my worldly Estate I
give and bequeath it all to my dearly beloved son
William Matchet. Now I make and ordain of
joint Executor with James Parnell of this my last
will in testament Signed, Sealed, and pronounced this
my last will testament. This twenty fourth day of
September 1794. in presence of. J^r Nathan Waller John
Chambers.

Sarah Matchet Seal

State of N^c Carolina } October Term 1795.
Duplin County }

There was the within will proved in open Court in
due form of Law by the oath of Nathan Waller
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. and at the
same time William Matchet and James Parnell
the Executors therein named came before the Court
and qualified as such according to law. Orders
that letters do issue accordingly.

W^m Dickson C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I William M^c Gowan
of the State of North Carolina and county of Duplin
being sick and weak in body but of sound and
perfect memory blessed be God do this fifth Day of
October in the year of our Lord 1792. make and
publish this my Last will and Testament in manner
and form following viz: 1st my will and Desire is
that all my just debts and funeral expenses be
paid by my Executors, and in order that the same
may be done with the best advantage to my