

at the same time. Sworn before me, as witness
our hands. This 3 day of October 1774.

John Tison J.P.
John Williams Esq.

In the name of God Amen. This thirteenth day of
May in the year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred and ninety six. I Luke Ward
of the County of Duplin and state of the Province
being sick of body but of perfect mind and
memory thanks be to god, and calling to mind
that it is appointed for all men to die.

I do make this my last will and testament in
manner following. First, I recommend my
soul to the hand of god who first gave it to
me. Secondly, my body to be decently buried
at the discretion of my Executors that will be
hereby hereafter named. Thirdly all my lawful
debts to be justly paid. Thus I give and bequeath
to my beloved wife Bridget Ward during her
widowhood or natural life all my estate real
and personal. Thus I give and bequeath to my
son Luke Ward at his mothers death or intermarriage
all my Land or Right or Claim of Land to him
and his lawful Heirs from providing
he the said Luke Ward shall first unto his wife
Princy Ward a part of said dwelling house and
forty acrs. of cleared land during his being
unmarried and if he dies without a lawful
Heir then said land to be equally divided between
my two daughters Princy Ward and Elizabeth Pollard
and their lawful Heirs from. Thus I give and
bequeath to my daughter Princy Ward two young negroes
named Bob and Hannah. Thus I give and bequeath
to my daughter Elizabeth Pollard two other negroes
named Sam and Jack to her heirs and if she dies
without heirs then to Luke Ward and his heirs.
Thus I give and bequeath to my daughter Princy

Ward one bed and furniture one chest and case
then all the remaining part of my property
to be divided between my six children
share and share alike to them and their
heirs. Thus I constitute and appoint my
beloved wife Bridget Ward and my son Luke
Ward Executors of this my last will and
testament. Last I Publish and declare this
my last will and testament disannulling and
revoking all others wills or Legacies by me
made heretofore in witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal the day and date above
written.

Signed and Published
in the presence of us
G. Woods
Jos Wright
Thos Wright

Luketh Ward Esqth Seal 3

State of the Province of }
Duplin County }

July Term 1796.

There was the within will proved in open
Court in due form of Law by the oath of James
Wright and Thos Wright two of the ~~executors~~
subscribing witnesses thereto. Read at the same
time. Bridget Ward and Luke Ward the Executors
named in the said will came before the Court
and qualified according to Law.

Ordered that letters issue accordingly.
Test H^{on} Dickson. C.C

I Elizabeth Williams the State of the Province of
County of Duplin do make and ordain this my
last will and testament in manner and form
Following viz first I give to George & William and
Jackson the following negroes Gideon Sam and
Loney to be Equally divided between the above
mentioned George and Jackson. I also give my bed