

open Court in due form of law by the oath of Thomas Johnston and Arabella Mc Intire two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, and at the same time Elizabeth Gray one of the Executors named in the said will came before the Court and Qualified by taking the oath of all Executors according to Law &c. Orders that letters issue accordingly.

Just W^m Dickson C.C.

In the name of God amen. I Samuel Gavin Being sick But of Sound mind and memory and calling to mind the unsustainability of this transitory life do make this my Last will and Testament viz: First I resign my Soul to almighty God that gave it & my Body to the Ground to be decently buried as my Executors hereafter named shall direct &c. and as for my worldly Estate that it hath pleased God to bless me with I leave in manner and form following that is to say. I leave and Bequeath to my beloved wife Patience Gavin the use of all and singular my Lands, sugars, Houses as follows &c. But upon her death or Enter marriage or the arrival at the age of twenty one years of my son John Gavin I give & Bequeath to said John my son the Plantation whereon I now live with all the opportunities therunto Belonging as also our Negro Boy named Cuff &c. And as for the Rest of my Estate I give and Bequeath to my beloved sons Samuel, Lewis & Charles Gavin, to Be equally divided Except their mothers third &c. and lastly I nominate and appoint my beloved wife Patience Gavin & my beloved friend Thomas Carrill Executors of this my last will and testament. Signed & Sealed this 21st Day of December 1761. in the presence of us. Henry Hollingsworth James Baker.

Samuel ^{his} ~~x~~ _{mark} Gavin. (Seal)

In the name of God amen. I James Green of the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina being of perfect mind & memory. Calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to