

gave in open Court in due form of Law by Richard
Herring one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Ordered
that Letters issue accordingly.

Test. ^{H^m} Dickson C.C.

In the Name of God Amenc. I Samuel Herring of
Duplin County and State of North Carolina being of
sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be god
do this fifth day of January in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and nine make and
publish this my last will and Testament, in manner
following that is to say. First. I give and bequeath
my body to the Lord from whence it sprang and my
soul to the Father of spirits. Secondly. I give and
bequeath to my loving and beloved wife Rachel
Herring two cows, two sows and sixteen pigs one
Bed and furniture, my black mare, six hundred bush
of Bacon, Fifteen Barrels of Corn and I Luke Plough,
one Utter, one box one apr one linen wheel one
woven wheel one small Pot and three chairs and one
saddle. Thirdly. I give and bequeath to my son William
Herring one Bed and furniture and one gun. Fourthly
I give to my son Frederick Herring one Bed and furniture
and one gun. Fifthly. I give to my daughter Polly one
Bed which she is to make out of new feathers now
in my house and the saddle that was called Eclipse.
Sixth. I give to my son Drury one Bed and furniture.
Seventh. I give to my daughter Ally money sufficient to
buy her a Bed if any shall be left after my just
debts shall be paid. Eighth. I leave the rest of my
Property to be sold at twelve months credit to the
highest Bidder and the money arising from the
sale and the collection of my debts to be equally
divided between my wife and all my children afore
named after my just debts shall be paid. And I hereby
make and ordain my Friend John Elliot, Executor of
this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof
I the said Samuel Herring have to this my last will

and Testament set my hand and seal the day &
year first written and annexed. Signed, Sealed, published
and declared by the S^d Samuel Herring the Testator in
his last will and Testament, in the presence of us,
who were present at the time of signing and sealing.
Thurs. Levi Bardin Solomon ^{the} Rouer. Lewis Rouer.
^{more} Samuel Herring ^{Seal}

State of N^c Carolina } January Term 1809.
Duplin County } Thus was the within will
Proved in Court in due form of law by the oath
of Levi Bardin one of the subscribing witnesses
thereto and at the same time John Elliot the
Executor named in the said will came before the
Court and Qualified as such according to law.
Ordered that letters issue accordingly.

Test. ^{H^m} Dickson C.C.

In the name of God, Amenc. The twenty first day of September
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
Ninety Seven. I Stephen Herring of the County of Duplin in
the State of North Carolina, being aged and in a weak
and low State of Bodily Health but of sound and disposing
mind and memory. Blessed be god, and considering 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, in manner and form following
that is to say. I commend my soul to god who gave it
me and my Body to the Earth from whence it came to be
recently Buried at the discretion of my Executors herein
after named. And as to such worldly Estate, as God hath
been pleased to Bless me with in this life. I give and
dispose of in manner and form following. First it is
my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral
charges be fully paid by my Executors, for which purpose
it is my will that they sell such part of the Crop as
may be conveniently spared, and if not sufficient to
pay out immediately such of the Negroes as they may
think proper for that purpose till sufficient is raised