

In the name of God amen May 9th 1813

I Catherine Best of County of Duplin + State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following Viz First I give to my daughter Mary and Elizabeth Best the shares or interest I have in my negro woman slave blue and her two children Jacob + Francis to them + their heirs forever. Likewise all my cattle and hogs horses + kitchen furniture plantation tools &c to be equally divided between them at my death except so much of the above named property as will be mentioned hereafter. Secondly I give to my niece Catherine Frederick one three year old heifer. Thirdly I give to my grand son John William Best the sum of ten dollars to be raised out of my stock or furniture. Fourthly I do hereby constitute and appoint Andrew Mc Intire Exp of this my last will + testament. In witness whereof I have to set my hand and seal this 9th May 1813. Signed Sealed + published in the presence of us. Stephen Graham. George Mc Gowan Alexander Mc Gowan Catherine + Best ^{her} mark Seal

Catherine Best

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State of North Carolina } July Term 1799
Duplin County }

Then was the within will proved in open court by the oath of Isaac Turner one of the subscribing witnesses. Thinks and as the same time Daniel Murrey the Exp named in the said will came before the Court + Qualified as an exp according to law ordered that letters issue accordingly. Test Wm Dickson & C In the name of God Amen The twenty third day of April in the year of our lord 1799 I Silvester Silvester Cavenaugh of the County of Duplin and State of No Carolina Cavenaugh being very old and sick + weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thinks he gives to God. therefore calling into mind 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 - that is to say principally and first of all I give + recommend my soul to God who gave it + for my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Exrs nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life - I give and devise + dispose of the same in the following man-

Silvester Cavenaugh

and form. Imprimis it is my will and I do order that in the
first place all my just debts and funeral charges be paid &
satisfied. Item. I give and bequeath to my son William Cavannah
one hundred and five acres of land at the new field where I
now live one mare five breeding sows one black heifer and calf
one brindle heifer with calf and one white breasted heifer one black &
yearling three ewes and lambs one black barren cow one bed and
bedstead and furniture that I now live on bar place one musket four plates
one dish basin one big pot one skillet one lumb one good ax one
good grubbing hoe one fluke one smothering iron three new shears and
the use of my cart and ^{to} my first sons. Item I give and bequeath to my
two sons James Cavannah one hundred acres of land at the old field
one mare colt five breeding sows one black white face heifer and
calf one white heifer with calf one pease heifer one white cow one
red bull yearling three ewes and lambs one black barren cow
one bed and bedstead and furniture one shot gun four plates
one basin one small pot one lining wheel one wooling wheel one
new ax one good grubbing hoe one fluke two iron wedges three
new shears a parcel of new feathers good linn to fix his bed &
them to be equal divided. I say the gees to be divided betwix
my two sons ³ Frederick Prime. I give and bequeath to my Indentured
servent two breeding sows and a ewe & lamb. I do hereby
utterly disallow. Revoke & disannul and annul every other former
testaments will legacies & Exrs by me in any way before this
time named nilled & bequeathed ratifying and confirming this
my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal the day and year above mentioned. Signed
sealed published pronounced and delivered. By the said
Silvester Cavannah as his last will and testament in the
presence of us the subscribers. and now to constitute concluded
the whole. I do appoint and ordain Mr Daniel Murray
Exor to my last will and testament give under my hand &
seal. Isaac ^{his} James Daniel Murray. Silvester ^{his} Cavannah ^{mark} Seal

State of North Carolina
Superior County

Octo term. 1796

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There was the within will exhibited into Court and proved in due form
of Law by the oath of Joseph Dickson & John Cavannah of the