

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

thereby to discharge all said debts. Second it is my
 will and desire that the Plantation known I now
 live and the lands thereto belonging, and adjoining be
 Equally divided by a line beginning on the main run of
 Joshua Swamp and running thence out by the lower corner
 of the new Run field, and so on a straight line to the back
 line, so as to divide Equally in Quantity. And my son
 Stephen Bright Herring to have the lower part joining the
 Hodgson line, to him and his heirs and assigns forever.
 And that my son Alexander Herring shall have the other
 part which includes my house and Plantation, to him
 and his heirs and assigns forever. Reserving nevertheless, the
 whole of my Son Alexander's part to the use and benefit
 of my wife Sarah Herring during her life, and also the
 privilege of cutting timber on the other part. It is also
 my will and desire that if either of my said two sons
 should die without legal issue, that in such case the
 other Brother shall inherit the whole of said land hereby
 divided between them. Third, it is my will and desire that
 my Negro Slaves to wit. Caesar, Bet, Egga, and Ned be and
 remain with my wife Sarah Herring on the plantation, in
 her service and for her use during her life. It is also
 my will and desire that all my Household furniture of
 every kind, and all my Plantation tools of every kind.
 And all the stock of every kind, that is Horses, Cattle,
 Sheep, Hogs, &c. be left with my wife Sarah Herring on
 the Plantation, for her use during her life. (except such
 articles as shall be herein after otherwise disposed of, or
 bequeathed. And after my said wife's decease, it is my
 will and desire that my said Negro man Ned shall be
 given to my Daughter Eliza Harrell, for the use of her children
 to them and to their heirs and assigns forever. And it is
 also my will and desire that the other Negro Slaves to wit.
 Caesar, Bet, and Egga, shall not be sold but may choose
 which of my children, each of them will live with during
 their life, and all the Household furniture, Plantation tools,
 and stock of every kind which shall be found of that which
 I have hereby left for the use of my said wife, during

her life, shall immediately after her decease be sold by
 my Executors at their discretion, and the proceeds of said
 sale to be Equally divided into two equal shares, and one
 of said shares shall be given to my grandson Eliza
 Herring Son of Samuel, Herring to him and his heirs forever.
 And the other share shall be given to the children of my
 Daughter Alithia Harrell, to be equally divided amongst
 them for their use, to them and their heirs forever.
 Item: I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Herring
 five Shillings Sterling. Item. I give and bequeath to my
 Daughter Alithia Harrell five Shillings Sterling. Item.
 I give and bequeath to my daughter Caty Brown five
 Shillings Sterling. Item. I give and bequeath to the children
 of my daughter Caty Brown, my Negro man Jim, to be
 Equally divided amongst them all to them and their
 heirs and assigns forever. And whereas, 2 Perpetuaries in
 the lifetime of my daughter Sally Glisson had intended
 to give her my Negro boy Bob: which intention in
 her lifetime was not performed. And since her death,
 her husband, Daniel Glisson requested, that whatever 2
 intended to give to my said daughter Sally Glisson his
 wife, that I would now give to her children and not
 to him. And I have thought it may be now to the
 interest and advantage of the children of my said daughter
 Sally Glisson, to give them in lieu of said Bob, two
 Negro girls to them and their heirs forever with all their
 increase for which purpose it is my will and desire
 that my son Stephen B. Herring shall purchase for the
 children of my said daughter Sally Glisson two Negro
 girls one about 14 years old immediately after my decease,
 and one about 8 years old about two years afterwards, and to
 deliver the said two Negro girls to Daniel Glisson the father
 of said children for their use to them and their heirs
 jointly forever. And I also will and ordain that the said
 Stephen B. Herring upon the delivery of said two Negro
 girls to the said Daniel Glisson shall take his the said
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 remain with my wife Sarah Herring on the plantation, in
 her service and for her use during her life. - It is also
 my will and desire that all my Household furniture of
 every kind, and all my Plantation tools of every kind.
 and all the stock of every kind, that is Horses, Cattle,
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 the Plantation, for her use during her life. (except such
 articles as shall be living after otherwise disposed of, or
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 to give her my Negro boy Bob: which intention in
 her lifetime was not performed. And since her death,
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 interest and advantage of the Children of my said daughter
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 Stephen B. Herring upon the delivery of said two Negro
 girls to the said Daniel Glisson shall take his the said
 Daniel Glisson's Receipt and discharge in full for all
 demands of Legacies or Portions &c. due from my

Estate to him into the Children of my said daughter Sally Glison. And it is further my will and desire that if the said Daniel Glison should refuse to manumit such two Negro Girls and give such discharge thereon, or should sue or should sue for Bob or Squin, or any other slave or part of my Estate that in such case my son Stephen B. Herring retain the said two Negro Girls till such suit be determined and in case said Glison should make any Recovery for Bob or Squin, then the said two Negro Girls shall be the property of the said Stephen B. Herring and his heirs and assigns forever. And whereas heretofore I did give to my Grandson Bryan Glison a young Bay mare, I now hereby Retific and confirm the same to him with all her increase forever. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Maria Glison my Negro wench Jimmy, and the Children of the said Jimmy as follows to wit: - To my Grand Daughter Sally Glison, I give my negr boy Jack to her and her heirs forever. And to my Grandson Henry Glison, the first living child that the negr wench Jimmy may bear to him and his heirs forever. - and to my Grand Daughter Charity Glison the second living child that the said Jimmy may bring to her and her heirs forever. And to my Grand Daughter Hella Glison the third living child the said Jimmy may have, to her and her heirs for ever. - and the said Jimmy and all the future issues which she may have shall be to my said daughter Maria Glison to her and her heirs and assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath to my son Stephen Bright Herring my two negr boys, Bob and Dany, for which he is to purchase the two Negro Girls for Sally Glison's Children, before mentioned in him of Bob. which had been intended for my said daughter Sally Glison in her life time, and also one feather bed & furniture to him and his heirs and assigns forever. I give & bequeath to my daughter Nancy and my negr boy Allen, and a negr girl of eight years old to be purchased for her by my son Alexander Herring, when he attains to full age of manhood, and the said Nancy then to have the use of my negr girl Filla till such negr girl be purchased for her & delivered her. Item I give and bequeath to my son Alexander

Herring my negr boy Squin and my two negr girls Cato and Filla and one Feather bed and furniture, and my young son Tom, to him and his heirs and assigns for ever. Lastly. I nominate, constitute and appoint my son Stephen Bright Herring and Alexander Herring Executors to this my my last Will and Testament, hereby utterly disannulling and Revoking all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made, declaring this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. Signed, Sealed, Published, Proven and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time thereof. Interlined between the seventh and eighth line in the second page before signed. W^m Dickson. James Harst. Hella Herring. Sarah Croom.

Stephen Herring

State of N^C Carolina } Noted June 1797.
Duplin County } Thus was the within will proved in open Court in due form of law by the oath of William Dickson and Sarah Croom two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at the same time Stephen B. Herring and Alexander Herring the Executors named in the said Will came before the Court and qualified as Executors accordingly to law. - Ordered that letters issue accordingly.
Jes. W^m Dickson C.C.

I Nicholas Hunter of Duplin County, planter being weak in body but of sound mind and Recollecting the uncertainty of this life do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say: First I most earnestly recommend my soul to almighty god Hoping for a favorable reception into the mansion of eternal bliss through the merits of my mediator and savior Jesus Christ. and my Body to be decently entombed at the discretion of my Executors herein after named. Next. I have unto my three sons Hardy and Nicholas and Edward all my lands and Improvements to be Equally divided between them or the survivors of them if they should