

State of North Carolina }
 Duplin County }

April Term 1779

There was the within will proved in open court by the oath of Lott Gregory one of the subscribing witnesses. Test Wm Dickson C. C. October Term 1779 Thomas Britton one of the Exors named in the said will came before the court and qualified by taking the oath of an Exr according to law Ordained that he was the same according Test Wm Dickson C. C. In the name of God Amen I Thomas Britton being sick but of perfect mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of man kind have thought proper to make and declare this my last will and testament and first I desire my soul to be committed to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a decent manner. I then to my beloved son Edmund Britton. I give the plantation wherein I now live. Item to my beloved wife I lend one negro boy name Will and four cows and calves one mare and horse Britton four head of sheep two featherbeds two dishes of Tin Basins one dozen of plates for chairs one chest one Barn plow and a flock and all which I have lent to my wife I give to Edmund at her decease I then to my beloved son John Britton I give fifty pounds in money. I then to my beloved daughter Catherine Britton I lend one feather bed one chest two dishes two Basins half a dozen plates one iron pot one working wheel. to my grand daughter Elizabeth Britton I give fifty pounds in money to be paid to interest till she comes of age and receive it. I then I give to my beloved wife one negro name Abram during her life and then to be sold and equally divided between John Britton John Quinn and Catherine Britton. I then to Thomas Quinn I give fifty pound in money and the remaining part of my estate to be equally divided between Thomas Quinn and my daughter Catherine Britton at the decease of my wife Except my Exrs my self that it is wanting them they shall broke in all off and divide the same and I appoint Thomas Quinn John Britton and John Williams as Executors and revoking and making void all the wills or wills I heretofore have made I do hereby acknowledge this to be my last will and testament signed and delivered & acknowledged in presence of me. July 20th 1779 Robert Southwell and Lott Gregory Thomas Britton

In the name of God Amen The 12th day of December in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and sixty nine I William Bains of the County of Duplin in the Province of North Carolina being sick and weak but of sound mind memory and understanding Thanks be to almighty God for the same running by the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner & form following Viz First and principally I recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named. It is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be discharged out of my estate. I give and bequeath to my son Lewis

my plantation wherein I now live

hundred & forty acres as will appear

my water mill and Mill allos

belonging and share to

comes to the age of twenty years and then for him to receive his whole estate into his own hands also my grey horse called major with his bridle and saddle then I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary

plantation on white oak Branch containing three acres when James Doh gave of land lying on painter swamp containing one hundred and thirty five acres of land and the benefit arising from them to be put to her use and benefit also negroes Peter Henry Isaac Lucy & Phely also my round mair called Tom with her saddle and bridle. I order that my daughter's negroes be kept at my obill and that they shall have six acres and calves ten rows and pigs and the benefit arising from the said mill, negroes & stock shall be put to her use while my son comes of age as before mentioned then the mill to be hers. I then that all my household furniture with all my plantation tools and saddles tools with all my stocks of all sorts be sold at public Vendue at six months credit and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided

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