

In the name of God Amen I John Matchet of the Province of North Carolina and County of Duplin planter being my sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory Thanks be to God calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last will and Testament Hereby Revoking all other wills or wills by me heretofore made and do publish this and declare to be my last will and testament. But first of all I give and commend my soul to God that gave it and as to my body I commend to the Earth to be buried in such Christian like and decent manner as my Ex^{ors} hereafter named shall order & direct and as to my worldly estate, real and personal of which I am now possessed of I dispose of the same in manner and form following, that is to say I leave and bequeath to my son John Matchet the plantation I now live on with all the improvements I also bequeath to my said son, old Isaac mill bridge and Hamra and all my cattle and horses and hogs except the old mare my said John part paying all my just debts and funeral charges I leave and bequeath to my son William the Upper field and land I also bequeath to my son William two negro young I leave and bequeath to my wife Sarah Matchet a negr girl named Jein while she lives unmarried and after her marriage to go to and be Tutel'd in my said son John. I leave and bequeath to my said wife the old mare and a bed and bed cloaths and all the rest of my house hold furniture to be divided between my two sons share and share alike and in this Henry Matchet comes over from Ireland then I order and my will is that there be fifty pounds raised of the estate for him or his use and the upper field to live on for two years and Lastly I do appoint Felix Kneaw leg and Charles Ward my sole Executor this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have. I the said John Matchet

have this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this 27th day of April 1774. Signed Sealed and Delivered by the S^d John Matchet as and for his last will and testament. In presence of us who were present at the signing and Delivered of these premises. Charles Ward, John Austin, William Burrell.

John Matchet *(Seal)*

North Carolina } July Term 1774.
Duplin County }

The within will was proved in open Court according to Law. And at same time Felix Kneaw and Charles Ward Qualified as Executors to the said Will. And that Letters Testamentary issued agreeable to said Will. Certified from the minutes of the said Court.

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

In the name of God Amen I Timothy Murphy of the State of North Carolina and County of Duplin being aged and infirm but of sound and perfect memory, and in my proper Reason at the same time calling to mind the uncertainty of human Life 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 viz: I recommend my soul to God that gave it me and my body to have decent and Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors hereafter to be named - Secondly I will and ordain that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid by my Executors out of the most perishable part of my Estate as they shall think the most convenient - Thirdly I will and ordain that my beloved wife Barbara Murphy be kept in the Debt and Placable possession during her natural life of the following slaves viz: Jack an old fellow Blaney a wench. Blacky, Jupiter yellow Jupiter. Lucy a wench Jean a wench and child called London and

after her decease to be Equally divided amongst all the children of my friend William Murphy and Elizabeth his present wife except his son Timothy which is to be otherwise provided for. Fourthly I will and ordain that my said wife Barbara do have during her natural life all my stock of horses, Hogs, Cattle, Sheep, poultry, Household stuff of every nature or kind Kitchen furniture Plantation Tools &c and at her decease to be Equally divided amongst the children of W^m Murphy aforesaid and Elizabeth his wife - Fifthly I give and bequeath to my loving friend William Murphy one negro woman named Grace and her two children Stephen a boy and Hannah a girl to him and his heirs forever - Sixthly I give and bequeath to Timothy Murphy son to my loving friend W^m Murphy the following Slaves viz. Three boys Jack Cats and Arthur and two girls Chlo and Elah provided nevertheless that should the said Timothy die without heirs of his body that then the aforesaid Slaves are to be Equally divided amongst the surviving children of the said W^m Murphy and Elizabeth his wife. Seventhly - I give and bequeath to my friend Timothy Bryan one negro boy called Jerry and one hundred acres of Land in Buchanan County nigh the mouth of Rockfish to him and his heirs forever - Eighthly I give and bequeath to Daniel Gibson a son to Francis Gibson a small tract of land on a branch of Stockinghead being the place whereon the said Francis Gibson now lives. - Ninthly I give and bequeath to my friend Jacob Wells son of Henry Wells died five Shillings Sterling money of just Britain to him and his heirs forever. Tenthly I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Barbara Murphy executrix and my worthy friends James Kuman William Dickson and Joseph Dickson Executors to this my last will & Testament, in witnesses whereof I the said Timothy

Murphy have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of April anno Domini 1787. Signed Sealed, declared and published by the said Timothy Murphy as his last will and testaments in presence of us - Jacob Wells. William ^{his} Kuman ^{mark} William Wells.

Timothy ^{his} Murphy ^{mark} 

State of N^c Carolina) April Term 1787.
Duplin County } This was the within will proved in open court by the oath of Jacob Wells and William Wells we Dues from of Law &c. who sworn they saw the Testator Sign, Seal, Publish and declare the same to be his last will and Testament and that he then was of sound mind and memory
Test. W. Dickson C. C.

At same time James Kuman, William Dickson and Joseph Dickson the Executors named in the said will came before the court and Qualified by taking the oath of an Executor according to Law. Ordered that Letters issue according to Law. *Testified by*
W. Dickson C. C.

State of North Carolina) April 4th 1807.
Duplin County } In the name of God amen I Joseph Mallard of the County and State aforesaid being of an infirm State of body but of sound mind and memory do make constitute and ordain this to be my last will and Testament. First I give my soul into the hands of him who gave it and my body to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named and all my just debts paid and as to the worldly property which it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of in the following manner viz: my will is that all my Lands be sold one piece lying on Maxwell Swamp which I purchased from Thomas Heath and his sister