

Knowing yt, it is appointed for all men once to die I do make ordain and constitute this my last will and testament. Principally and first of all I commend my soul into ye hands of God who gave it and my body to ye earth decently to be buried at ye disposition of my Executors, nothing doubting but at ye General Resurrection at ye last day I shall receive ye same by ye Almighty Power of God and touching my worldly Estate if God has blessed me with in this life. I do give and dispose of in ye manner and form following Inprimis I do give and Bequeath to my son Thomas Parish one one Hundred acres of land adjoining ye Plantation I now dwell upon Providing he suffors and permitts his mother my well beloved wife Amy Parish to dwell thereon, as sole Owner during her life or widowhood. Item I give all ye lands — side of Raleigh Branch to my son William Parish. Item I give to my four sons Jeremiah, Henry, Edward and Charles Parish, Two Hundred and of land equally to be divided amongst them my 1/2 four sons ye 1/2 Land lying between Raleigh Branch and Joshua swamp. Item I give my riding horse and a gray mare mare to my well beloved wife, also a gray mare to my son Henry. Item I give my Rifle gun to my son Jeremiah Parish. Item I give to my wife Amy Parish all my cattle, Excepting one Cow and yearling to my daughter Judith Parish. and one cow and yearling to my daughter Sarah. and a yearling heifer to my daughter Mary. Item I give to my well beloved wife each and everything to me appertaining not mentioned in this my last will and testament Excepting a gun to my son William and ye first alt that my Gray mare belongs to my son John Parish. Totally Rescinding all former will or wills Ratifying and confirming

this and no other to be my last will and testament, as a testimony to ye tract thereof. I have set my hand and affixt my seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of may anno domini 1759. Item I do appoint my wife Executrix and my son John Parish Executor of this my last will and testament. Joseph R<sup>d</sup> Hickson, Eliza Slocomb, Olanor Hickson.  
William. Parish *Test*

In the name of God Amen. I Timothy Pigford of the State of North Carolina and county of Duplin being weak in body but perfect in mind and memory blessed be God for the same knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth First, I Recommend my soul to God that gave it me and that my body have Christian like burial at the discretion of my Executors herein after to be named. Secondly, I will that all my just debts and that all my lands lying in S<sup>c</sup> County containing Two Hundred and sixty six acres including the plantation wherein I live with all the improvements thereon to continue in the possession of my beloved wife Elizabeth Pigford during her life and that after her decease the same to be Equally divided between my children to wit: Crook Pigford Sarah Ann Pigford, Right Pigford, Martha Pigford, Jeremiah Gear Pigford, William Pigford, Elizabeth Pigford, and Alfred Pigford to them and their heirs forever — And if my wife should be pregnant with child at this time it is my will that it should have share and share alike. Thirdly I will that part of a tract lying in then Hanover County the Right of which lies in my Brother Solomon Pigford be sold for what it will fetch and the money conveyed towards the payment of my debts and also one gray horse. Fourthly I will that

all my live stock of Cattle horses and hogs  
 poultry of any description, plantation tools  
 house hold Furniture of every nature or kind  
 be the property of my beloved wife Elizabeth  
 Pigford during her life and after her decease the  
 Residue of what may be left to be equally  
 divided between my above mentioned children.  
 I will that my Executors do adapt a plan most  
 for the interest of my wife and family reserving a  
 mortgage that I have on mortgage and should  
 the S<sup>d</sup> Mortgage be paid at any time hereafter  
 the money to be conveyed to the use of paying  
 my debts and schooling my above named  
 children. Lastly I constitute and appoint  
 my friends David Hills and Solomon Pigford  
 as Executors to this my last will and Testament  
 Reserving all other wills heretofore made by me  
 the S<sup>d</sup> Timothy Pigford. In testimony here of  
 I have set my hand and seal at Duplin the  
 24 day of June in the year of our Lord 1823.  
 Signed sealed and delivered in the presence  
 of us — J. B. Laroque T. Trachy.

Timothy Pigford (Seal)

Duplin County      Oct Term 1823.  
 There was the within will proved in open  
 Court in due form of law by the oath  
 of T. Trachy one of the subscribing witnesses.  
 Test Jas. Parsell Clerk

In the name of God amen. I Patric Powell  
 of the Province of North Carolina and county  
 of Duplin being sick of body but perfect in  
 mind and memory for which I bless God. Therefore  
 the twenty second day of July in the year of  
 our Lord our Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty  
 nine. Having taken into my serious and mature  
 consideration that it is appointed for all men  
 once to die and after death doth look and

also expect a general Resurrection in and through  
 my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and through  
 his merits and meditations do look for and  
 rely upon him for eternal Salvation and therefore  
 doth recommend My body to the Earth to be buried  
 in a decent and Christian manner at the  
 discretion of my Executors whom I shall hereafter  
 name, and also doth recommend my soul to  
 God that gave it and for what worldly substance  
 God hath blessed me with I leave will and  
 bequeath as follows viz: First. I will &  
 bequeath to my oldest son George Powell the  
 land and plantation where I now live to be his  
 and his heirs and assigns for ever, and to devolve  
 into his peaceable possession when he comes to  
 age and not before but the rest of my children  
 shall have an equal share of S<sup>d</sup> land and plantation  
 to help them for an maintenance to such  
 turn as he my son George comes to age and  
 then S<sup>d</sup> land and plantation shall all devolve  
 to him as aforesaid. Item I leave and bequeath  
 the one third of all my moveable effects viz:  
 horses cows swine sheep and all other  
 my house hold effects and furniture of every  
 kind whatsoever together with all my debts  
 owing to me with all compliments of farming  
 whatsoever after my lawfull debts and funeral  
 expenses is first paid, to my well beloved wife  
 Mary Magdalen Powell. Item I again leave &  
 bequeath the other two thirds to be equally  
 divided amongst my four children now in being  
 and likewise the child that that my wife is  
 now big of shall have an equal share of the  
 aforesaid two thirds with only my other four if  
 it should please God that it comes alive to  
 the world and live to enjoy the same — and  
 if it should please God that any of all my  
 children should die before they come to age