

Edgecombe County

Surrogate Court

The within Will was in Open Court
Exhibited & proved by the Oaths of Thos. Balth
& John Murphy two of the Subscribing Witnesses
And is Ordered to be Recorded

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Jam^s Hall Clerk

In the Name of God Amen the thirty
first day of March in the year of our Lord 1811.
I William How of Edgecombe County in Saint Marys
Parish Planter being Sick & weak but of Perfect mind
& memory Thanks be given unto God therefore
calling unto mind the mortality of my Body and
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to
Dy Do make & Ordain this my Last Will and
Testament that is to say Principally & First of
all I give & Recommend my Soul into the Hands of
God that gave it & for my Body I Recommend it
to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like
& Decent manner at the Discretion of my
Exors nothing Doubting but at the General
Resurrection I shall Receive the same Again by
the mighty Power of God and as touching such
Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God
to Bless me in this Life I give Devise & Dispose
of the same in the following Manner & Power
to wit I Give to my Will Preferred Wife Christian How
all my Lands & all my Personal Estate her Heirs and
Assigns to be Equally Divided Among them

I do hereby constitute make & Ordain my Will-
 be loved Wife Christian Now my Executor of
 this my Last Will & Testament and Do there-
 by wholly Disavow Revoke & Disannul
 all & every other former Testaments Wills &
 Bequests and Wills by me in any ways -
 Before this time named Wills & Bequests
 Making & Confirming this & no other
 to be my Last Will & Testament in Wills
 Whereof I have subscribed with my Hand and
 Testimony that the Day & year first above written
 in
 Aged and Said &
 Delivered in Presence of us

Cornelius Jordan
 Oliver Best
 Moses Coleman
 (Mort)

And
 William H. Hall (Clerk)
 (Mort)

In presence of
 County

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The Within Wills was in open Court
 exhibited & proved by the Oaths of Cornelius Jordan
 & Moses Coleman one of the Subscribing Witnesses
 thereunto and at the same time the said woman
 Disclaimed according to law which is ordered to be
 Certified & the Wills to be Recorded

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Jam. P. Hall (Clerk)