

In the Name of God Amen I Jethro Barrell of the
County of Gates & State of North Carolina Planter being
as this time raised be Almighty God for itt of sound mind and
memory & calling to mind the Mortality of my Body as knowing
it is Appointed for all men once to die I do hereby Appoint make
Constitute & ordain this my Last will & Testament in manner
& form as follows First I Recommend my Gracious Soul to
God who gave it humbly hoping through the merits & Intercession
of my beloved Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ to have full & free
Remission of all my sins & thro the Divine assistance of Almighty God
to obtain Everlasting Life & Happiness and as to such worldly Estate
as I now or shall please Almighty God to bless me withal in this
Life I hereby give Devise & Bequeath of the same in manner & form
as follows I do hereby give Devise & Bequeath unto my dearly
beloved wife Anne the said Property & Dominion & management of the
same as she from time to time shall see fit by her Conduct as she shall
see fitting I but During her natural Life and with respect to
the said Property being in my Estate of my son Paul &

Time, my will & Desire is that my dearly beloved wife Anne should have
with a Power & Right During her Life to use & have the sole Discretion
thereof for her own benefit use & Advantage as she may Judge most for
Accepting such articles as I now give as follows to my Beloved Son John
Devised & Bequeath unto my eldest Son John all my Wares & household
with all and every Article belonging to me that appertains unto the House in
my Possession I also give to my Son John a bed & half a feather bed
furniture thereto also to my Son John I give my Grey Horse & after my
wifes Decease I do hereby give my Negro fellow Cook to my eldest Son
John. Item, I give Devise & Bequeath unto my eldest Son John to him &
his Lawfull Heirs for ever Two certain Tracts of Land containing by Esti-
mation Two Hundred Acres, which I Do. from Harris & Ballou, I am Redeem
from Watson - and with respect to the Plantation I now live on after
my wifes Decease. I do hereby give & Bequeath of the same to my Younger
Son Neuben, to him & his Lawfull Heirs for ever. and I also give my
Mill & utensils to Neuben, Expecting it will serve both my Sons. I give
Devised & Bequeath of a Bed furniture and a bed & half to my Daughter
Malley. also a Spinning wheel & such other Articles as my Dear & be-
loved wife Anne shall please to bestow upon her. I will

I do hereby please to bestow upon her and all the residue
of aforesaid Estate both Real and Personal I Lodge into my wife here to be
by her managed advised governed & Directed during the Term of her Life in
Equal & Just Proportionate manner for the Good & Advantage of all my Children
and I do hereby Nominate and appoint my Dearly Beloved wife Ann Russell
to this my Last will & Testament & my Son John & Son in Law George Warrum
Executors of this my Last will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto
to Affix my hand & Seal this Thirtieth day of August 1841 of our Lord one
thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty one John Russell
Signed Sealed & Delivered as the Last will & Testament of John Russell in
Presence of us Charles Vann James Skinner Robert Russell
This is my Desire that this Present Writing may come in my will it is here
saying a negro Girl that I bought since I made the will naming John
Thom first I do leave her to my Loving wife Ann during her life and if she has
any Children I do give them to my Children as a first mentioned Item I give
the first Child she brings to my Daughter Nancy Vann for her to have
if it Two years old I am I do give the Second to my Daughter Mary Vann
and for her to receive it if Two years old I am I do give the third to my
Son John Russell for him to have it if Two years old I am I do give the
fourth to my Daughter Betty Vann for her to have it if Two years old I am I do
give the fifth to my Daughter Mary Vann for her to have it if Two years old I am I do

My Daughter Mary Kennell for her to Answer that Five years
and one of the said wench don't bring children a day for the said Legions
for what she brings to be divided amongst the mentioned Legions above
mentioned and if any of the children should die before their term to
be Two years old for it not to count in number. Thus I do give the
said negro wench Phillis to my Son Ruben Kennell she and her issue
after words July the 16 day 1783 I acknowledge this to Joines in writing.
Last will and Testament given from under my hand and Seal
Jethro Kennell ^{Esq} Whereas Wm James Skinner Robert & Manors
State of North Carolina Gates County 17 February Inferior Court of
Plas and Quarter Sessions 1784 The above and within Will was exhibited
into Court by Ann Kennell Coautrix and George Hargrove one of the
Coautors therein appointed and was Proved by the oath of James Skinner
one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto then the said Will was ordered to
be Recorded at the same time the said Coautrix and Coautors came into
Court and qualified themselves for that office and prayed an Order for Letters
Testamentary thereon which was granted Teste Jas Baker Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I James Bray Watters being
sick in body but of a well disposing mind and memory