

Gate County } August County Court of N.C. 1798
The last will and testament of Francis Parker dead was exhibited into
court by John Parker executor therein appointed and was proved by the
oath of John Sumner one of the subscribing witnesses there to and on
motion was ordered to be recorded at the same time the said execu-
tor came into court and qualified himself for that office and
prayed an order for letters testamentary thereon which was accordingly
granted.

In the name of God Amen I Rachel Lawrence of Gate County & State
of North Carolina being sick & weak in body that of sound memory do
make and ordain this as my last Will and Testament in manner and
form following (Wit) ---
First I give and bequeath unto my loving husband Michael Lawrence my
plantation whereon I now live & land adjoining the plantation of
Jacob Sumner to him & his heirs forever except twenty acres
given to Judith Raby her late husband & the heirs of the said

I husband of Rachel Laurence & his heirs forever my devise is that
said Rachel may take the twenty acres of land as may be
convenient for her to settle on for making Corn &c -
Lastly I nominate & appoint my Friend & neighbour Christopher
Reddick to be my executor to this my last will & Testament
Given under my hand & seal this 14th day of August 1791 -

Witness Christopher Reddick

Mary F. Raby
mark

Rachel ^{the wife} Laurence

State of North Carolina

Gates County

Suburban County Court of Pleas &c 1792

The last will & Testament of Rachel Laurence decd. was exhibited
in so Court by Christopher Reddick Executor therein appointed and
was proved by the oath of Mary Raby a subscribing Witness thereof
and on motion was ordered to be recorded at the same time the
said Christopher Reddick came into Court & qualified himself
for that office and prayed an order for letters Testamentary
thereon &c -