

... Bayley a subscribing witness thereto When the said will was ordered
to be returned at the same time the said Chancellor came into Court and
qualified for that office and prayed an order for Letters Testamentary thereon
which was granted
Jesse Law Baker Clerk

North Carolina Gates County In the Name of
God Amen I William Casen of the County and State of
being sick of Body the of Sound and disposing mind and memory
and feeling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it
is appointed me for all men to die do make and ordains that my
Last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz I Give
I Give and Bequeath unto my well beloved wife the third part of
the Plantations whereon I now dwell During her widowhood and upon
her marriage or death to be equally divided between my three Sons To wit
Henry the Beloved Casen to them and their heirs for ever I Give
I Give and Bequeath unto my well beloved wife my Negro woman
and her child to have and to hold after her marriage or death

to be Equally Divided between my three sons before mentioned the one his
Increase to them and their Heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my
well beloved Son William Cason the Negro Boy Call Sambo to him and
his Heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter
Mary Cason my Negro Girl Call Lucy She and her Increase to her
and her Heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Daugh-
ter Sary Perry my Negro Girl Call Venus She and her Increase to her and
her Heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my three Sons Viz. Thos.
Hardy and Solomon Cason my other two Negroes Call Hannah and Harriett
to be Equally Divided amongst them and their Heirs forever. Item I give
and bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Mary Cason one Feather
Bed and Furniture. All the Rest and Residue of my Estate I leave
Equally to be Divided between my wife and her Children hereafter named
Viz. William Sany. Mary Gardrick. Hardy and Solomon Cason. I do also
ordain and appoint that Abraham Cason and Mordecha Perry be whole
and Sole Exec^{rs} of this my Last Will and Testament in Witness whereof
I have herunto put my hand and Seal, Signed Sealed Published and
Declared in the Presence of us the Subscribing witnesses here this within in W^{ill}
D² 11th Moth 17th 1741

Act. & Will King, Samuel Green, Sworn Jan^y the 15th 1781-
January the 17th day 1781 the Deposition of William King and Samuel Green
Jurs. is as followeth these Deponents have this day made oath before me
one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Gates, that on the 15th Instant
they was call^d upon by William Cason des^r to sign his Last will and
Testament as witnesses the said William Cason at that time was very sick
and these Deponent say that they believe he the s^d. Cason was at that time
in his proper senses and after the will was written and read to him the said
William Cason acknowledged it to be his Last will and Testament and rose
up to sign it but said that he could not see and lay down again and after
laying some short time he rose the second time to sign off and after being
up they Perceiv^d that he was crying and they said him down and he the said
William Cason died without signing of the will and further dep^os not sworn
before me

State of North Carolina Gates County Jst February Superior Court of Pleas and
Leases 1781 The above and within will was exhibited into Court by Montague
Perry one of the Executors thereto appointed and was proved by the within depositions that
Samuel Green that he heard the said William Cason acknowledge the said will and
that he laid up to him and rose up to sign it but said before he could see the
said will was read to him at the same time the said Samuel Green was then
Qualified for that office and prays an order for Letters Testamentary being applied for
Justice of the Peace