

In the Name of God Amen I Mel. Eyes of the County of Halifax
and State of North Carolina being of Sound Mind and memory and Calling
to mind the mortality of the Body that we have one to die do make certain
this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following First and
Foremost I recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it in hope of a
Joyful Resurrection of the same, and as to what worldly Goods it hath pleased
God to bestow on me I dispose of as follows (to Wit)

I Give and bequeath unto my daughter, Elizabeth Wilson negro woman
Lauan and boy And also one Horse Bridle and Saddle, one Feather Bed and
Furniture One Cow and Calf one Chest, Spinning wheel and Cards with
property she has already in possession to her and heirs and assigns for ever
And I bequeath the use of all my land to my beloved Wife Priscilla Exce, for the
benefit of herself and all my children except the one married, until my son
William Exce, shall arrive at the age of Twentyone years after
which time my desire is that Two hundred acres of said land shall be
laid off for my said son, in the form of the Horsepen branch and be
Swamp, which I give to him his heirs and assigns for ever
I also give and bequeath to my said son William at his coming of age
as much of the same kind of property my other property as is given
to my daughter Elizabeth Wilson, to him his heirs and assigns for ever
And my Will and desire is that the rest of my Estate shall be Continued
together on said plantation for the use of the said children and heirs

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foremost I recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it, in hope of a
joyfull Resurrection of the same, and as to what worldly Goods it hath pleased
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Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Elizabeth Milson negro woman
Sarah and boy also one Horse Bridle and Saddle, one feather Bed and
Furniture One Cow and Calf one chest, Spinning wheel, and Cards which
property she has already in possession to her heirs and assigns for ever
Item I leave the use of all my land to my beloved Wife Priscilla Eyell for the
benefit of herself and all my children except the one married, until my son
William E Eyell, shall arrive at the age of Twentyone years after
which time my desire is that Two hundred acres of said land shall be
laid off for my said son, in the form of the horsepen branch and beat
swamp, which I give to him his heirs and assigns for ever
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as much of the same kind of property my other property as is given
to my daughter, Elizabeth Milson, to him his heirs and assigns for ever
Item, My Will and desire is that the rest of my Estate shall be Continued
together on said plantation for the support and maintenance of my said wife
and all my children except the two last above mentioned until ~~the~~ my son
Anderson Eyell shall arrive at the age of Twentyone years after for

For each of them as they come of age or marry to be entitled to receive as much of my estate and of the same kind as near as can be laid off as is heretofore given to my daughter Elizabeth Wilson & them their heirs and assigns for ever.

Now, I leave all the rest of my lands that is after my son William past being taken off at the coming of age of my son Miles to be equally divided between all my sons except William so as for my said wife not to be deprived of a home on the same if she should choose to live on it, to them their heirs and assigns for ever.

And in case either of my said sons should die without lawfull issue for their part of my said land to be sold and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided among all my children & them their heirs and assigns forever.

Now, I give and bequeath all the remainder of my Estate after the coming of age of said Anderson and after the death of my said Wife that are not heretofore given away to be equally divided between all my daughters to them and their lawfull Heirs for ever. And I do hereby nominate & constitute and appoint my Widow Wife Presilla Engel Executor for William & Engel and James Harris. Executors of this my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 14th day of September Eighteen Hundred and Eight.

Signed Sealed and acknowledged
In presence of

Th. Turner
Ch. Turner

Miles Engel — Seal

to them and their heirs forever. — And I do hereby nominate &
Constitute and appoint my Widow Wife Priscilla Byrd Executrix for
William F. Byrd and James Harris. Executors of this my last Will and of
testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my seal this 14th day of September Eighteen Hundred and Eight —
Signed Read and Acknowledged

In presence of

Thos. Turner
Chas. Turner
M. B. Turner
James Tomlinson
Thos. L. Houston
Wm. F. Williams
Mark

Miss Byrd — Seal

Calaveras County. August. Tenth 1809. Then this Will was
exhibited in Open Court and duly proved by the oath of Thomas Turner a
Subscribing Witness thereto and on Motion Ordered to be Recorded where upon
Priscilla Byrd an Executrix and William F. Byrd, the Executor herein named
came in Open Court and was duly qualified thereto

Attest Wm. Allen 66