

In the name of God Amen, I John Baylis of
Halifax County in North Carolina being very Weak in
Body but of sound disposing mind and memory
thanks be to god for it but Calling to mind the mortality
of my body, that it is appointed for all men once
to die do make and ordain this my last Will
and Testament in manner and form following
Viz: Principal and first I recommend my Soul
into the hand of god that gave it me, and my
Body to be buried in a decent Christian like
manner at the discretion of my Exors. and as
touching my worldly good, that if it hath pleased
god to bless me with in this life I give and dispose
of in manner and form following Viz: —
Imprimis I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin
Baylis that part of my land joining John Allen's line
from said Allen's line to a Bottom running up
by the Westward end of the plantation whereon
I now live so up the said Bottom the same corner
to the Back line, to him and his heirs forever
Item I give and bequeath to my son Burwell
Bailis the plantation and land whereon I now
live only reserving the use of the said land to my
beloved wife during her widowhood to him
and his heirs forever but if he dies before
before he comes to age or has an heir lawfully
begotten of his Body, then said land shall be sold
and the money equally divided amongst my Chil-
dren, I also leave the use of all the rest of my estate
to my beloved wife Amey Baylis to raise and
school my children with, And at her marriage
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nine children namely William, Thomas, John
Isaac, Brittain, Elizabeth, Mary, Ann, Rebecca
Baylis's I also empower my Executors to sell such
of my estate as they shall think fit at their own
discretion so shall discharge all my Lawfull
debts, I also name and appoint our beloved
wife Amey Baylis and my Trusty friend Jesse
Andrews my whole and sole Executors to this my
last Will and Testament making and discharg-
ing all other wills before made void by this

and no other to be my last Will, In Witness Where-
of I have set my hand fixed my seal this 25th
day of February in the year of our Lord 1768
Signed Seald published
And declared in pre-
-sence of "

John Baylis. Seal
Dated

William Barques
Jeremiah Nelms
Sally Nelms. — }

Malifax County ss:
Presented Court 1768. Then the foregoing Will
was exhibited in open Court by the Executors and
duly proved by the oath of Jeremiah Nelms
one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto who on
his oath did say that he saw the Testator John
Baylis sign publish and declare the same to
be his last Will and Testament and that he
together with the other two Witnesses subscribed
severally their respective names as Witnesses
thereto in the presence of the Testator and at
his request, whereupon the said Will was ordered
to be recorded

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