

my Will & devise, that my son James Grant should be properly Educated For this purpose
 if the Executors suppose it necessary he may be sent to Mr. Forest Douglass of Portsmouth
 in Virginia, who is required to cause such an Education to be given him as will best
 suit his genius, & fortune, I constitute & Appoint my Wife Martha Grant, Forest Douglass
 of Portsmouth in Virginia John Tillery of Lancaster County both of the County of Halifax &
 State of North Carolina to be Executors to this my last Will & Testament. In Witness where
 of I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 30th day of November in the year of our Lord
 One thousand seven hundred & twenty two

Adam White, Jo. M. Nicholson, Tillery

James Grant

Halifax County 1st February 1792. Then this Will was exhibited in Open Court, &
 duly proved by the Oaths of Adam White, & Joseph M. Nicholson two of the subscribing
 Witnesses thereto, & an Motion Ordered to be recorded, Whereupon Martha Grant, Forest
 Douglass & John Tillery, the Executors named in said Will came in & was duly qualified
 thereto Witnesses Adam White

In the name of God amen Joshua Barker of Halifax
 County State of North Carolina, Being weak of body but of perfect sense & memory
 thanks be to God for the same, & on consideration that life & sense is uncertain, do make
 & Ordain this my last will & Testament vizt, I give & recommend my soul into the hands

Joshua Barker
 1792

God that it, I as to my body, I recommend to the Earth, or Dissolution of my friend, I as
to my worldly estate I give bequeath & give to dispose of the same in manner following viz
Imprimis, I lend to my Daughter Elizabeth Jones, during the time of her natural life, one
Negro man named Harry, also One negro Girl named Temperance & her increase, & after the
Death of my Daughter Elizabeth Jones, I give to her five Children, namely Amy Churchill,
Joshua Jones, John Jones, Elizabeth Jones, & Sarah Jones, the two aforesaid Negroes Harry &
Temperance with all their increase, to be equally divided between them, to them & their heirs
forever. Then I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Jones one feather bed & furniture, one
Grindstone two pair of Dog Irons, one pair of tongs, One Shovel, & all my knives & forks
to her & her heirs forever. Then, I give to my Daughter Rebecca Little one feather
bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever. I leave in the power of my Executors to sell two
Negroes, namely Daniel & Fanna & the plantation whereon I now live, & all my lands
servants belonging, & all my Household furniture, besides what I have given away & out of
the money that it will sell for, I give to be equally divided between my son Joshua Barker deceased
his three Children viz, Martha Barker, Edmund Barker, & Nancy Barker, the sum of four
ten pounds Virginia money or the full value in paper money, and if in case any one or more
of the above named Children should die before they come to the age of twenty one, then
I leave the money aforesaid to be equally divided among the surviving ones. Then, I give to
William Barker, the son of Stephen Barker, twelve shillings, & one shilling Virginia money
or the value thereof in paper money. Then, I give to Stephen Barker, the son of Stephen Bar
ker, the sum of twelve shillings, & one shilling Virginia money or the value thereof in paper money.

her the sum of twelve shillings Virginia Money, or the Value in paper Money, I then give
to Sarah Barker the Daughter of Stephen Barker my son deceased, fifteen pounds Virginia
money or the Value in paper Money. & if in case any one, or more of the above Children
should decease before they come to the Age of twenty one years, then I leave the money
to be divided among the Surviving ones, to them, their heirs forever. I then give to
Mary Churchill daughter of Elizabeth Jones my daughter (the young lady house, got by
Flanton, to her & her heirs forever. I then give to be equally divided among my two
Daughters Elizabeth Jones & Rebecca Sills, & the Children of my son Joshua Barker
dec. all the balance of the money that the aforesaid land negro, Household furniture,
Stocks & all other of my personal estate, to be agreeable to Law, of equally divided among the
above Legatees viz, my Daughter Elizabeth Jones, Rebecca Sills & the Children of Joshua
Barker dec. namely Martha Barker, Edmund Barker & Nancy Barker, & if in case any of the
above Orphans of my dec. son Joshua Barker should decease before they come to the Age of twenty
one years, then the money is to Equally divided among the Survivors, to them, & their heirs forever.
Lastly, I likewise nominate & appoint my Daughter Elizabeth Jones, & John Churchill
my only & sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament. Wills of Legacies by me or
any ways before this time named, written, or bequeathed, and Confirming this to be my last
Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, & fix my seal
dated this fourteenth day of January, One thousand seven hundred & ninety two.
Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of us,
John Barker
Bolin Bishop, Daniel Hancock

Halifax County N.C. February Session 1793 Then this will was Exhibited in Open Court & duly proved by the Oath of Robin Bishop One of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, & on Motion Ordered to be Recorded, Whereupon John Churchill the Executor nominated in said Will came & was duly Qualified thereto. Test Wm Cotton Clot.

In The Name of God Amen.

I Thomas Edmundson, of Halifax County, in the province of North Carolina planter being sick & Weak but of sound Memory & understanding, thanks be to God for the same & calling to mind the uncertainty of time, & the certainty of death, & trusting in the meritorious Death and passion of my blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ to obtain pardon & remission of all my sins, to make this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following Vizt. And first, I bequeath my soul to God that gave it me, & as for my body I desire it may have a decent buriall at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned & as for all my worldly goods and chattels that it hath pleased God to bless me with, I will & bequeath in manner following. Item I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Edmundson the use of all my whole estate both real & personal during her widowhood or Natural life to enable her to raise my Children thereon, & in case that my wife should marry after my decease my will is & desire is that my whole estate should be sold by my Executors & my wife to have the third part of my whole Estate, & the surplus to be equally divided amongst my surviving Children in manner following. Item I give

Thomas Edmundson's Will.