

1790 — In presence of us, W. Vaughan & Dolphin D. Young
Halifax County 35th

James Parker. C. C.

February. Session 1790.

Then this will was Exhibited in open Court & duly proved by the Oaths of W. Vaughan & Dolphin D. Young two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto & On Motion Ordered to be Recorded, whereupon W. Whitehead Sen. Clerk in Open Court & was duly Qualified as an Executor thereto. Test, W. White C. C.

In the Name of God Amen, I Josiah Berryman of the Town of Halifax State of N. Carolina, being in a very low state of Health, & having Reason to apprehend a dissolution do make & ordain my last will & Testament in manner & form following Verbi —
Imprimis; I give & bequeath to my Niece Priscilla Edwards Parham, One Negroe Girl named Betty, to her & her heirs & assigns forever —
Item. I give & bequeath all the Negroes, to wit. Phely, Abraham, Penny, Sam & Timfy (in which my Father & Mother have an Interest during their Natural Lives) to my Brother & Sister, John Berryman, Balcanm Burryman & Mary Ann Bath, & the Children of Robert Parham, by Rebecca Parham my deceased Sister, to be equally divided, that is to say, in four equal parts, & the Children of the J. Rebecca to have One part equally between them, & my S. Brothers, Sister Mary Ann, each to have one part, to them their heirs & assigns forever. — Provided always & it is my will & desire, that my Executor hereafter mentioned

last Testament W. A.

879. Mentioned, sell & dispose of at his discretion, two of my S. Negroes, to wit, Sam & Lemmy, and with the Money arising therefrom, purchase one Negro fellow of such age & qualities as he may judge will best promote the Interest of them. To whom I have given my S. Negroes, which said Negro fellow, I give as before mentioned.

Item, I give & bequeath to my S. Brothers, Sister & Sister Children, as mentioned in the clause immediately proceeding this all Monies & Outstanding Debts, that is to say, that the same be collected by my Executor & invested in such Negroes as he may Judge best, which S. Negroes I give to my S. Brothers & Sister & Sister Children, as in the last above mentioned clause, to their Heirs & Assigns forever.

Item, I do hereby empower & Authorise my Executor to sell my Horse, Bridle & Saddle, & with the Money arising therefrom, to purchase such a Mare, as he in his Judgment may think proper, which S. Mare I give & bequeath to my S. Brothers Sister & Sister Children as mentioned in the two clauses last above said.

Lastly I do nominate constitute & appoint my Father, John Berryman Executor of this my last will & Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal, and declared this to be my last Will and Testament. In presence of the Witnesses whose names are hereunto Subscribed this 26th day of September. 1787.

Signed Sealed in presence of us,
Stephen Burt - John Kelly & Tho^s Evans }

Josiah Berryman

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Stephen Burt - John Kelly & Tho^s Evans

Josiah Berryman

Halifax County S^t.

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Sworn. And on Motion Ordered to be Recorded Whereupon John Berryman the Ex^r
named in J^y Will came in Open Court & was duly Qualified thereto.

Just. W. Norton C^l.

In the Name of God. Amen, I Jacob Barrow of Halifax County in the