

In the name of God Amen, I Margaret Hilliard of Halifax County
State of North Carolina, am in good Health and Sound memory, Thanks
be to God for it, but knowing, it is appointed for all persons once to die
doth constitute, and appoint this to be my last Will & Testament, and as
touching such temporal Estate as it hath pleased God to Endow me
with, I hereby devise and Dispose of in manner and form following
I give and Bequeath to my Son John Hilliard one Negro man named
Tom, to him & his heirs for ever.
I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Christian Gudge one Cow to her &
her heirs for ever.
I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Thrower one feather
Bed & furniture, To her & her heirs for ever.
I give & Bequeath to my Son William Hilliard, all the rest of my
Property, Land & Negroes, and Household Furniture, Stock of all kind
after purchase of one Hunting Saddle for Charlotte Thrower, & if W^m
Hilliard dies without Issue. I give all this that I have given to him
to Charlotte Thrower & her heirs for ever.
I do hereby appoint Maron Thrower ^{Ex^r} to this my last will & Testament & do
hereby revoke all Wills heretofore by me made, and doth constitute & appoint
ordain & declare this to be my last Will & Testament — This 22 day of July 1786
Signed. Sealed. Published
and declared in presence of
Wm Etheridge
Jesse Thrower
Margaret Hilliard Seal
mark

Halifax County, N. C. February Court 1787. Then this will was Exhibited
in open Court, and duly proved by the oath of Jesse Thrower, one of the
Subscribing Witnesses thereto, and on Motion ordered to be Recorded, Where
upon Maron Thrower Qualify'd as Executor hereunto.