

In the name of God Amen. I Marmaduke Mersfleet, of Halifax County
being of perfect Health & of usual soundness of mind, do make and declare
this my last will and Testament in the manner following (To wit,
1st To my wife Hannah Mersfleet I lend the land & plantation in the
Meadows during her life & also the place in which I now live, during her life
2^d To Lucy Mersfleet other wise Lucy Drew for the purpose of preventing her
from inheriting any other part of my Estate, I give the sum of five Shillings
Paper Money; and besides I here insert this article as a standing memorial & to
perpetuate to my descendants my abhorrence of her late union; that ^{she} has been to
me an ungrateful and the most undutiful child; that when I am no
more should she fall in any distresses my Children with I hope unreluctantly
say the distress is just, that she is only reaping the due reward of her ingratitude
to the kindest and most indulgent Parents.

3^d The Lands in Meadows already lent to my wife, with a tract of woods
land on Bridges Creek. I give to Nancy Mersfleet & her issue; but for want
of issue to the other of my surviving Children - Lucy Drew excepted, who it
is my most earnest wish may not in any case of the Death of my Children
inherit from them -

4th All the residue and remainder of my Lands I give devise & bequeath
to the remainder of my Children, To wit, Louisa, Oliver, and my wife being
pregnant to, that should she be safely delivered to them share and share
alike & in the case of the death of the said Oliver & Oliver's wife

to the remainder of my children, To wit, Louisa, Elvira, and my wife being
pregnant to that should she be safely delivered to them share and share
alike, and in the case of their death to the survivors where they leave no
issue, but to Lucy Smith Dues proofs of daily ingratitude occur to determine
& I hereby provide that she in no case shall inherit one Shiver more in any
case of Death than the 5 Shillings above given to cut her off; my
Negroes I wish divided equally among my wife, Louisa, Nancy, Elvira &
the Child of which my wife is pregnant, and in the case of the Death of
either that their share to be equally divided among the Survivors & also
the remaining parts of my Estate, Providing in all cases that Lucy Dues
shall never inherit one Shiver in the case of the Death of either the
above 3 Children or wife & To this will I appoint My friends, Tho^s.
Hill, Simmons & Baker & Henry Baker Executors & hope that they
will take on themselves that office - Signed with my own hand
Sealed & acknowledged this 20th March 1802 -

Wite
A. C. Miller
Mary G Norfleet
Margaret Baker

M. Norfleet 

(Carried over)

Halifax County }
August Sept 18/8 } Then this will was exhibited in open Court for probate
by David Black & others & a barate entered thereto by Lucy Drew & others,
when a libell was being duly sworn & impaneled to say whether a paper
writing purporting to be the will of Marmaduke Morflect, was executed by him
as his will, on hearing the testimony of the subscribing witnesses to said paper
say that it is the ^{last} will of said Marmaduke Morflect, and that the same
was executed by him when he was of sound mind & memory and that said
Probation was in due form of law: Ordered that the same be Recorded
Witness
Richard E. Jones Clerk

In the name of God Amen, I Jeremiah Duggett of the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina being of
Body yet of sound mind & Memory knowing it is appointed for all Men once to die do make & ordain, constitute
and appoint this to be my last will and Testament in the manner and form following: that is, first I
recommend my soul to Almighty God who first gave it me and my Body to be buried at the Discretion of my
Executors And as to such worldly substance as it has pleased God to bless me with in this World I give and
bequeath in the following Manner & form

I give to my beloved wife Mary the following Negroes, that is Polly, Harriett & Maria & Alice to have her heirs for
ever that she may dispose of them as she thinks proper

I give to my son Richard Duggett Twenty Shillings at this time, tho I have heretofore given him his full
part of my Estate with the rest of my children

I give Martha Turner Twenty Shillings at this time, tho I have given her Mother all of the Property that
I intended for her

I give my son William Duggett Twenty Shillings at this time tho I have heretofore given him his full