

In the name of god Amen Walter Pitts of the County of
Adams and Province of North Carolina being sick of body
but of perfectly sound in mind and memory Blessed be the
Lord for it and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die
and for the better preventing controversies and disputes that
shall arise hereafter I do make and ordain this to be my last
will and Testament, first of all I give & bequeath my soul in the
hands of allmighty god who was the giver of it and my body to be
Buried after a Christian like manner which I shall leave to the
discretion of my Exors and Exrs. Then after mention and again what
worldly goods it shall please the Lord to bless me with I give and
Bequeath in manner and for following- I give and
Bequeath to my son Harri Pitts Three hundred and twenty
Acres of purchase Patent Land lying on the south side of
Conway Creek and one Negro called Bobb & one ~~to~~ Black faced
man that he has in possession and one feather Bedd and
Furniture that as he now lies upon and two cows and calves
and my Whet saw and ^{new} cut saw and all my Carpenters and
Copers Tools & ten pounds to be paid in gold or silver all to him
& his heirs forever — Item I give and Bequeath to my son Mark
Pitts four hundred acres of Land joining my son Harri Pitts land
and two Negroes the one named Sam and the other named
Philis and one feather Bedd and Furniture and one
Black faced man that is called his & two cows and calves
and ten pounds to be paid in gold or silver all to him and his
heirs for ever — Item I give and bequeath to my son Lewis
Pitts three hundred and nine acres of land Beginning
in the middle of the lower line between Seeling Creek
and Conway Creek then running ^{up} straight to the upper
line so as to contain thereabout three hundred and
nine acres joining to Conway Creek and I give him one
Negro ~~old~~ called Tom and twenty pounds for
money and also ten pounds to be paid in gold or sil-
ver to him and his heirs forever —

discretion of my self and exp. In after mention and also what
worldly goods it shall please the Lord to bless me with I give and
Bequeath in manner and for following- Inprimis I give and
Bequeath to my son Hard Pitts Three hundred and twenty
Acres of purchase Patent Land lying on the south side of
Conway Creek and one Negro called Bobb & one ~~to~~ Bay faced
mare that he has in possession and one feather Bedd and
Furniture that as he now lies upon and two cows and calves
and my Whip saw and ^{one} cut saw and all my Carpenters and
Copers Tools & Ten pounds to be paid in gold or silver all to him
& his heirs forever - Item I give and Bequeath to my son Mark
Pitts four hundred acres of Land joining my son Hard Pitts land
and two Negroes the one named Sam and the other named
Philis and one feather Bedd and Furniture and one
Blaze faced mare that is called his & two cows and calves
and Ten pounds to be paid in gold or silver all to him and his
heirs for ever - Item I give and Bequeath to my son Lewis
Pitts three hundred and nine acres of land beginning
in the middle of the ~~lower~~ line between Seeling Creek
and Conway Creek then running ^(up) straight to the upper
line so as to contain the aforesaid three hundred and
nine acres joining to Conway Creek and I give him one
Negro ~~called~~ called Tom and twenty pounds pro-
money and also Ten pounds to be paid in gold or sil-
ver to him and his heirs forever -

Item I give and Bequeath to my son Henry Pitts the
Remaining part of that tract of Land that I have
given to my son Lewis Pitts also I give him two
Negroes one called Cate the other Rachel also
I give him Ten pounds pro- & Ten pounds to
be paid in gold and silver all to him and his heirs forever
Item I give and Bequeath to my son John Pitts one
Negro called Ben and my little boy - not that if I should

money or not hired out until he shall arrive to years to
choose a guardian and also give him ten pounds to be
paid in gold or silver all to ^{him} his heirs for ever
Item I give and Bequeath to my daughter James Pitts
two Negroes called Lidd one called old Lidd and the
other called Young Lidd and my wifes pining mare and
one side saddle and Bridle and ten pounds to be paid
in gold or silver and one feather Bed that is called
hubs and also two cows & calves to her and her heirs for ever
Item I give and Bequeath to my daughter Silvia Pitts
two Negroes the one called aggy the other called Ned and
one Black mare and one side saddle and Bridle and
one feather Bed & furniture and two cows & calves
and ten pounds to be paid in gold or silver all to her
and her heirs for ever

Item I give and Bequeath to my daughter Celia Pitts
two Negroes the one called Litus and the other called Alen-
na and ten pounds for money and also ten pounds
to be paid in gold or silver all to her and her heirs for ever

Item I give and Bequeath to my daughter Patricia Pitts
one negroe called Barbary and also ten pounds to be paid
in gold or silver all to her and her heirs for ever

Item I give and Bequeath to the child that my wife goes
with now one negroe called Bess and also ten pounds to be
paid in gold or silver all to it its heirs and assigns for ever

Item I ~~bequeath~~ lend to my ~~beloved~~ wife Martha Pitts
the Manor Plantation where on we now live also I lend her my
negroes Amey and Jenny and Jack and man during her
life and also I lend her my Negroes Lip and Badlam during her
life and as for the rest of my estate which I have not given away
I give to her to her own disposal now after the manage of
death of my beloved wife Martha Pitts what I have lent
her I leave to be divided between her three children

Now if my wife should be delivered of a son he
shall have one half of the man or Plantation with

his and also two cows & calves to her and her ^{husband} ~~husband~~
Item I give and Bequeath to my daughter Sibia Pitts
two negroes the one called Aggy the other called ~~Inda~~ and
one Black horse and one sick Saddle and Bridle and
one feather Bed & Furniture and two cows & calves
and ten pounds to be paid in ^{and} gold or silver all to her
and her heirs forever —

Item I give and Bequeath to my daughter Celia Pitts
two negroes the one called Litus and the other called ~~Alun-~~
ona and ten pounds ^{pro} money and also ten pounds
to be paid in gold or silver all to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and Bequeath to my daughter Patricia Pitts
one negro called Barbara and also ten pounds to be paid
in gold or silver all to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and Bequeath to the child that my wife goes
with two one negro called Beck and also ten pounds to be
paid in gold or silver all to it its heirs and assigns forever

Item I ~~give~~ lend to my ~~my~~ Beloved wife Martha Pitts
the Manor Plantation where on ~~now~~ live also I lend her my
negroes Amey and Jemey and Jack and man during ~~the~~
life and also I lend her my negroes Lip and Badlam ^{during her widow}
-hood and as for the rest of my estate which I have not given away

I give to her to her own disposal now after the manage of
death of my Beloved wife Martha Pitts what I have ~~lent~~
her I leave to be divided between her three children —

Now if my wife should be delivered of a son he ~~she~~
shall have one half of the man or Plantation with
his Brother Mrs. Pitts But if a daughter only to have
her part of the other estate lent to my Beloved wife
and it is not my ^{what} desire that any of my estate
should be sold But that my Samuel Alatts should be paid
out of it by my Exrs. and I expect and that ~~should~~ every
particular Childs part to gether with out selling it for
them untill they shall come of age to take it to them selves

and I do appoint Wilson Williams to have the care
and management of my son Henry Pitts and all his
estate untill he shall arrive to the age of Twenty one years
and I do further more constitute and appoint my
Beloved wife Martha Pitts my Executrix and my
son Hard Pitts my Exr. of this my last will and Testa-
ment In Witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this tenth day of February one thousand seven
hundred and seventy —

Signed Seal — — — — — } ^{This} Walter W Pitts } Seal
as my last will and — — — — — } _{mark}
Testament In the presence of
Jm^r. Williams — Thomas ^{the} Hill sen^r. — Jesse Williams
Francis Williams — _{mark}

Halifax County Jc^r. May Court 1770. Then this Will was
Exhibited in open Court By the Executors and duly proved
By the oath of Jm^r. Williams and Jesse Willia and two
of the subscribing witnesses then to who on their Oaths did
Say that they saw the Testator Walter Pitts Sign Put-
= lish and declare the same to be his last will and Testa-
= ment and they together with other witnesses subscribed
severally their respective names as witnesses thereto in the
presence of the Testator and his request whereupon the said
will was ordered to be recorded —

Test. Jm^r. Montfort C. C.