

In the name of God Amen I ~~William~~ Burgess of
 Halifax County in the State of North Carolina Being sick & weak of
 Body but in perfect mind & memory Thanks thanks be to Almighty God
 for it therefore calling to mind the Mortality of the Body & Constitution of
 Ordain this my Last Will & Testament in Manner & form following
 Viz^t First and principally I recommend my Soul into the hand of
 Almighty God who gave it (and my Body to the earth to be Decently
 Buried according to the Directions of my Executors herein after mentioned
 Impairing my will is that all my Just Debts and funeral charges be
 Paid out of my Estate — Item. Unto my beloved Wife Penelope Burgess
 During her widowhood the full of my Estate. Real and Personal within
 Doors and without & if my s^d wife should marry a man that raises my Children
 well & not spend my Estate but keep it together In order to bring up my Children
 then my desire is that it should be kept together untill the youngest Child shall
 come of age but if my Trustee Hereafter mentioned this that he can not act agreeable to
 my desire then their Division to be as after mentioned when even my Trustee shall think

Proper, Item. I give and bequeath unto two Sons Bryant Burger & Collin Burger the
Land & plantation now possessed to them & their heirs for ever & In case either of them
should depart this life before they arrive to the age of Twenty Years or without their
then to descend to my Son Burel Burger.

Item. I give & bequeath to my Daughter Solley Daniel One Shilling Sterling

Item. I give & bequeath the Remainder of my Estate to be Equally divided between my
Children Mallica Burger, Kelsey Burger, Morning Burger, Nancy Burger, Dimpsey
Burger, John Burger, Solley Burger, Colton Burger, Mrs. Burger, Dorothy Burger,
& Burel Burger to Equally Divided between them & their heirs for ever. I appoint my

Beloved wife Dorothy Burger to be my Lawfull Executrix of this my last will & Testament, I
nominate & appoint my Friend Tho. Joyner & Mrs. Bryant trustees of this my last will &
Testament hereby disannulling & making null and void all other & former wills made by
me, hereby ratifying & confirming this to be my last will & Testament in Testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & Seal this 14th day of October in the year of our Lord 1780. Signed sealed
Published pronounced & Declared by the s^d. Mrs. Burger before his last will & Testament

Signed & Sealed in the presence of us Just. J^s. Volms, Henry Hodges (Mrs. Burger)
Lewis Bryant J^r, Halifax County to August Court 1780 this will
of aforesaid will was exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the oath
of Lewis Bryant whereupon Pamela Burger was examined &
c^c. and on Motion ordered to be recorded Test Wm. W. W.