

William Blair

In the name of God Amen: William Blair of the County of Halifax & State of North Carolina being
sore in Body, but perfect in mind & memory do make and Ordain this my last will & Testament, to wit, My Soul
I recommend to God & my Body I request may be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors. My worldly
affairs I desire may be settled & my debts fully paid. After which I give & bequeath to my wife Elizabeth
their my plantation on bear Swamp to her & her heirs forever together with my stock of every kind with
the plantation tools & provisions on it, I also give to her & her heirs forever, the following negroes. Old Clive,
Young Clive, old Joshua, old Mary, old Mary, Polly Rose, Polly, Mary, Jack, Jim, Malinda, Harriet, Julia
Charles and Isham. I am I give to my said wife the following articles of household furniture, three feather
beds & Bedstead with their furniture, two dining & one Breakfast Table, a dozen & a half of chairs
a side board Case & two Cheeping Tables, all my Plate, China & Kitchen furniture a pair horses & a Plow
chest of drawers, two dressing Tables Desk & Book Case two Trunks & Chest Corner Cupboard & Stand two cases
of knives & forks one half dozen Pickers, three pair Andirons, two pair Shovels & Tongs two Carpets four
Pews & Chairs three plow bars a yoke of oxen & Cart it is my further will that my wife be supplied with a
necessary quantity of provisions from my much Island place for one year, should there not be a sufficient
quantity for that purpose on my Bear Swamp plantation, and whereas I lately purchased of the
Govt one hundred & twenty acres of land adjoining my Bear Swamp plantation which is not yet paid for
it is my will that my Executors pay for the same out of my Estate not otherwise disposed of & which said one
hundred & twenty acres of land I give & bequeath to my wife her heirs & assigns for ever. I further desire
that my Executors pay to my wife, two hundred pounds Currency to build her a house on said plantation
I am I give to my sisters Grizzie & Ann each Sixty pounds Sterling to them their heirs or assigns. I am
I give to my nephew Robert Blair two hundred & fifty Spanish Milla Dollars also one thousand acres of the
land I purchased of Joseph Montfort which was granted to said Montfort by this State for his services
as a Captain in the late American Army. Provided nevertheless, should the said Robert Blair die
or remove himself from America before he arrives at the age of twenty one years, I then give & bequeath
the above said one thousand acres of land to my nephew John Maclellan his heirs & assigns for ever.
I am I give to Joseph Montfort Smith his heirs & assigns one thousand acres of land been part of the above
said purchase of Captain Joseph Montfort. I also give to the said Joseph Montfort Smith two negro
Boys viz Austin & Alfred. But should the said Joseph Montfort Smith die before he arrives at the age of twenty one
years, I then give & bequeath the above one thousand acres of land also the two negro boys Austin & Alfred to my
nephew John Maclellan his heirs & assigns. I am I desire that there be ten pounds per annum out of my Estate
paid for the purpose of educating the said Joseph Montfort Smith. I am I desire that my Executors
after ~~making~~ make sale of my house & lots in the Town of Halifax with the land adjoining. I am
I give & bequeath to my nephew John Maclellan after a full adjustment of all my affairs the residue of all my
property both real & personal to him his heirs & assigns for ever. I nominate & appoint my wife Elizabeth

Herein after ~~make~~ make full of my house & lots in the Town of Halifax with the same adjoining. I give I bequeath to my nephew John Macdellan after a full adjustment of all my affairs the residue of all my property both real & personal to him his heirs & assigns forever. I nominate & appoint my wife Elizabeth my Executrix, and Goodman David John Macdellan & John Baptist as my Executors. Item it is my desire that John Macdellan in order to save my other Executors as much trouble as possible do exert himself in the settlement of my affairs for which I direct ~~that~~ that he shall be allowed eight per cent on all moneys received or paid & all other adjustments. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twentieth of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety four
Signed sealed & acknowledged
in presence of

Francis Roberts, John Callane, John Short

William Muir



This is a Codicil to my will. Item in case Robert Muir or Joseph Montfort Smith should die before they come of age; it is my desire that the property which I have left to them or either of them shall afterward be equally divided between the rest of my Legatees except Jacob Johnston. Item the legacies which I have left to my two sisters Grace & Ann, I desire may be applied to the use of educating the children upon which they now live. Item in case my property should not be sufficient to satisfy the before mentioned legacies and Legacies, I desire that such deficiency in case there should be any, may be deducted from each Legatee in proportion to their different Legacies. Item I give to my friend Jacob Johnston a sum of money known by the name Miller
Halifax the 23rd 1795

Francis Roberts, John Callane, John Short

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Halifax County Feb^y February 23rd 1795 That this foregoing will was exhibited in Open Court & duly proved by the oath of John Callane & John Short two of the subscribing witnesses thereto; whereupon John Short & John Callane two of the subscribing witnesses to the Codicil annexed to the said will came in & made oath that William Muir the Testator acknowledges the said Codicil as a confirmation & republication of his said last will & Testament and on Motion Ordered that the said will together with the said Codicil annexed should be recorded. Whereupon John Macdellan one of the Executors of the said will came in & was duly qualified to the same.

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