In the Name of God Amen this 2 Day of December 1816 I
William Pitman of Bedford County in the State of North Carolina
tho sick & weak in Body yet of sound & perfect mind & Memory thanks
be to god. calling to mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing that it
is appointed to all Men once to die Do make this my last Will and
Testament In Manner as follows, imprimis I give & recommend my
Soul unto the hands of the Almighty God that gave it & recommend
Body to the Earth from whence it came to be Buried in a Decent
Manner - Item, It is my Desire that all my just Debts be paid out
of my Estate - Item - I give to my Sister Milly Pitman one Negro
Man by the name of Will & if Sister Milly Pitman should die
before she has a lawful Heir begotten of her body then & in that case
the said Negro Will to go to my Sister Nancy Pitman - Item
I give to my Sister Nancy Pitman one Negro Woman by the name
of Hannah to her & her Heirs for ever - Item - I give the Residue
of my Estate that I have not herein before mentioned to be Equally
Divided between my Sisters Milly, Nancy, and Darkis Pitman
to them & their Heirs for ever - It is my Desire that my Father
John Pitman be my Executor to this my last Will & Testament
In witness hereof I have hereunto signed seal & delivered this my

of my Estate, that I have not hereafter mentioned to be Equally
Divided between my dearies, Milly, Nancy, and Darkis Pittman
to them & their Heirs forever - It is my Desire, that my Father
John Pittman be my Executor to this my last will & Testament
In witness Whereof I have hereunto signed seal & delivered this my
last will in the Presence of us

Samuel Brantley Sr } William Pittman (Seal)
Jesse Powell }

Gaston County }
Feby Sessions 1860 } Then this will was proved in Open Court
duly proven by the oath of Samuel Brantley one of the subscribing
witnesses hereto who says that the Testator at the time of signing
the same was of sound mind & Memory & was more than 21 years of
Age - Whereupon John Pittman the Executor therein named
came in & was duly qualified thereto -

Witness Richard Eppes Clk