

William Pope and Wife

In the Name of God Amen I William Pope of Halifax County  
and state of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind  
and memory blessed be almighty God for the same do make and publish this my  
last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say in the first  
place, I Recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it, and  
my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors, and as for my worldly  
Treasures it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with, I give in the manner  
and form following that is to say, In the first place I leave unto my Brother  
Benjamin Pope all my lands I am possessed of or may be hereafter to have the use  
of it untill his son William H. Pope comes of age and that there shall be no  
more of said Land cleared or put in Cultivation than is at this time Excepting  
forty five or fifty thousand that lies in the bent of the Beaver Dam Swamp  
adjoining near the place called Dicksons Cropping place if he does please he may  
put that quantity of Corn Hills in Cultivation the time he may keep it, I give to  
my above mentioned Brother four negroes Jude & his child Jude, Cesar & Jacob and  
all my parishable property after paying my Just debts to him his heirs and  
assigns forever, I give beneath unto my Nephew William H. Pope all my lands  
I am possessed of or may be hereafter to him his heirs and assigns forever, reserving the  
use to his said Father untill he may come of age, if he should die before he comes  
of age, I give the above mentioned Lands to my before mentioned Brother to him  
his heirs and assigns forever, Lastly, I constitute and appoint my trusty friends  
Henry Boyner (Senior) and my Brother Benjamin Pope Executors to this my last will  
and Testament this Twentieth day of March in the year, Our Lord one thousand  
seven hundred and twenty nine.

Signed Sealed published & Delivered } Interlined before }  
In the presence of } assigns }  
Errin Ricks, Mary <sup>his</sup> Langford  
Mark

William Pope 

Halifax County, N.C. August Session 1799

William Pope

Benjamin Pope all my lands I am possessed of or may be hereafter to have the use of it untill his son William H. Pope comes of age and that there shall be no more of said Land cleared or put in Cultivation than is at this time Excepting forty five or fifty thousand that lies in the bottom of the Beaver Dam swamp adjoining near the place called Dicksons brooping place if he does prosper he may put that quantity of Corn Hills in Cultivation the time he may keep it, I give to my above mentioned Brother four negroes Jude & her child Jude, Cesar & Jacob and all my parishable property after paying my Just debts to him his heirs and assigns forever, I give beneath unto my Nephew William H. Pope all my lands I am possessed of or may be hereafter to him his heirs and assigns forever, reserving the use to his said Father untill he may come of age, if he should die before he comes of age, I give the above mentioned Lands to my before mentioned Brother to him his heirs and assigns forever, Lastly, I constitute and appoint my trusty friends Henry Boyner (Seniors) and my Brother Benjamin Pope Executors to this my last will and Testament this Twentieth day of March in the year, Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine —

Signed Sealed published & Delivered } In the presence of }  
In the presence of } assigned }  
Erin Richards Mary X Langford }  
Mark

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Then this will was exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the oath of Erin Richards one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion Ordered to be Recorded whereupon Benjamin Pope one of the Executors therein named came in and was duly qualified thereto —

Witness

LL Langford

In the Name of God Amen, I Meredith Stellens of Halifax County, Clerk of the Court do hereby certify that the within and several others be given unto