

North Carolina

In the name of God Amen

I John Elsbree of Woodstock in the Province and County of Orange being sick in Body but of sound Mind and Memory Blessed be God Do for and considering the uncertainty of this Transitory Life Make Publick and Declare this to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness Whereof I have Subscribed that is to say - In Testimony - I Give to my well Beloved Wife Elsbree One House and Lot of Land in the Town of Woodstock being her Natural Life known by Number Four and all other Houses & improvements thereon I also Give and Bequeath to my said Wife One Riding Horse and side Saddle one Trochus Bed and Furniture and also of the my Justs Debt are fully Paid and Discharged then I Give and Bequeath to my said Wife the One Third part of my personal Estate.

Then I Give and Bequeath to my Son David Elsbree One Plantation in the County of Orange containing five hundred & thirty Nine acres of Land which I Bought of the Executors of Winding James Deceased Commonly known by Port of the Daring Land I buy to him his Heirs and assigns forever.

Then I Give and Bequeath to my Son Ephraim Elsbree One House and Lot of Land in the Town of Woodstock known by Number Six to him his Heirs and assigns forever and also to him the said Ephraim Elsbree I Give and Bequeath ten acres of Land in the Town of Tuscarora in the County of Bristol in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay to him his Heirs and assigns forever and also to him the said Ephraim Elsbree I Give and Bequeath all my Right Title Land Interest in and to a Legacy of Land was left me by my John Ephraim Elsbree before the Decease of my Mother I say to him his Heirs and assigns forever.

Then I Give and Bequeath to my Son Ormand Elsbree Three Lots of Land and the Houses on them and all other Improvements and Appurtenances to the said Lots belonging in the Town of Woodstock known by Number Five Number Sixteen and Number Fifteen and also I Give to my Son Ormand Elsbree Port of a Grant Lot of Land in the Town of Woodstock by virtue of a Deed for part of said Lot to me

Made by Benjamin Mortin my Father in Law to him the said Ormand Elsbree his Heirs and assigns forever. and further I give my son Ormand Elsbree after his Mothers Decease a Lot of Land known by Number Four with all the Improvements to him his Heirs and assigns forever. Now my Will and Desire is that if such part of my Personal Estate as my Executors & Executives Hereof be mentioned in this Prudent be shall think proper may be sold and disposed of to the Best advantage for the sole use and Benefit of my three Children that is to say David Ephraim and Ormand and lastly I do hereby make constitute and ordain Beloved Wife Elsbree and my good Friend Jonathan Joppin and Zachora Borrow to be my Executors & Executives of this my Last Will and Testament making void all other former Wills or Wills theretofore by me made in Witness Whereof I the said John Elsbree have hereunto set my Hand and joined my seal this Twenty first Day of February in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Ninety.

John Elsbree Seal

Signed and Sealed by the Testator in the presence of us
Charles Peck
Benj Mortin

The foregoing will was proven in July Court 1770.

Test George Borrow Clerk

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