

William Pool's Will

In the Name of God Amen - 26th Day of September these Dominions
I William Pool of Johnston County being sick in body but of good and
perfect memory, thanks be to Almighty God and calling to remembrance the
uncertain Estate of this transitory life and that flesh must yield unto Death
when it shall please God to call. So make and declare this my last will and
testament in manner and form following - First I being penitent and sorry of
all my sins most humbly desiring forgiveness for the same I commend my soul
unto Almighty God my saviour and redeemer in whom and by whose merits I trust
and believe assuredly to be saved and to have full remission forgiveness of all my
sins and to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven and my body I commit to the earth to
be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and for
the settling of my temporal estate and such goods and Chattels and debts as it shall
please God to bestow upon me I do ordain give and dispose the same in manner
and form following -

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my well beloved son John my manner Plantation after
my wife's death or marriage with one hundred acres or more or less to begin at
the first at a place called the New foot and so by a line of marked trees to the
base line at the place where the Beaver dam path crosses the said line and
eight pounds good

Item I give and bequeath the other part of the said two hundred acres lying on the
upper part of the survey to my well beloved son Peter and ten pounds Over -

Item I give and bequeath my land called the Beaver dam land unto my well
and beloved son Samuel - Ten pounds Over -

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife my negro woman Jane and
 likewise two year old beds and furniture my riding horse black and one mare and
 the Indian mare with a side saddle called her saddle and likewise and her the
 use of my manner Plantation during her life or widowhood

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Sarah one year old bed and furniture
 and ten pounds good

Item I give and bequeath to my well and beloved daughter Conahy one year old bed
 and furniture and ten pounds Over -

Item I give and bequeath to my well and beloved daughter Wainwright one year old bed
 and furniture and fifteen pounds Over - and if my wife should be with child
 and that should be born and live I do give and bequeath twenty five
 pounds Over -

That my will and desire is that all my store horse, cattle, Hogs, sheep and
 Geese and Rifle Gun and another Branch land to be sold at the discretion of
 my Executors hereafter mentioned all the expenses paid and the rest of the money
 arising by the said sales to be equally divided among all my children

Item I give and bequeath all the remaining part of my estate to my well
 beloved wife excepting what ready money I have I desire my debts
 to be paid and of and the rest to my wife, and I hereby make

and appoint my loving wife and loving friend Nathaniel Bryant and Nathaniel
 Williams Executors and executor to this my last will and testament hereby
 revoking and disannulling and making void all former wills and testaments by
 me made, and declaring this only to be my last will and testament in the
 witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the
 Day and year before mentioned

William Pool Seal

Signed sealed and declared in the presence of us

W^m Williams Bryant
 John Smith

I Peter Bagley Clerk of Johnston County Court to certify this to be a true
 Copy of the original and return copy from the records of my office and
 that the same was proven at the October term 1763 -

Test Peter Bagley Clerk

John Edens Will

In the Name of God Amen - Nineteenth Day of December the Year 1769
I John Edens of the County of Johnston being sick of body but of perfect
 mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God and calling to remembrance the
 uncertain Estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto
 Death when it shall please God to call. So make and declare this my
 last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend
 my soul to Almighty God my saviour and my body I commit to the earth to
 be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named
 and for the settling of my temporal estate such goods and Chattels as it
 shall please all mighty God for above my to bestow upon me. I do
 order give and dispose of the same in manner and form following (that is to say)

Imprimis I give and bequeath my plantation and all my land to my well
 beloved son John Edens and that my well and beloved wife Elizabeth
 Edens have the use of the plantation with one third part of the land
 during her life time

Item I give and bequeath all the remainder of my estate after debts being
 paid to be equally divided between my wife and all my children
 Viz: William, Mary, Elizabeth, Robert, Anne, Martha and
 John. I hereby make and appoint my well beloved wife Elizabeth
 Edens and my well beloved son William Edens my sole Executors and
 Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal

W^m Nathaniel Bryant

John Edens Seal

Robert Bryant

North Carolina, July Court 1760
 Johnston County, then was the above will proven by the oath of Nathaniel Bryant as
 proving said will since that time when John Edens appeared and testified
 to the same

Test Robt Rains