

18.
In the name of God Amen I Benjamin Gilbert
of Jones County in the State of N. Carolina Planter being
weak in body but of perfect sound mind and memory (Plead to God) do therefore this 20th day of July 1779 make and
Publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form
following First I Give and bequeath to my beloved son
John Gilbert my Land whereon I now live with the appur-
tenances to him his heirs and assigns forever when he
arrives to the age of twenty one years.

Item I lend to my wife Mary all my aforesaid Land during the
the minority of my son John and after he arrives at the
age of twenty one my desire is that my aforesaid son
have Possession of the aforesaid Land (one third excepted)
which I leave to my wife during her life or widowhood
and the whole to my wife until my son John arrives
at twenty one years of age provided she continues my
widow. Item I likewise lend to my wife Mary all my
stocks of cattle Hogs and Swine Plantation animals together with
all my personal Estate and of what kind or nature soever
it be together with the plantation as aforesaid and out of the
Profits arising thereof she maintain and educate my
Children but in case my wife should marry then and in
that case immediately after such marriage my desire
is y^t she remove from off the plantation and that every
thing herein before said to my wife be immediately
divided amongst all my children (my son John excepted)
there and share alike after my just debts are paid
Item I Give to my son Benjamin a negro Girl Violet
and a negro boy Tom (Slaves) to my son Joseph Gilbert

which negroes are given by him to me by my Father and when
other things are left or given me by my Father to be equally
divided amongst my children as above mentioned. I nominate
Constitute and appoint my wife Mary Gilbert Executor of this
my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and put my Seal the Day and year above written
Witness my hand Published as Declared
for and as his last Will and Testament
in presence of us who have hereunto
subscribed our names as witnesses

Benjamin B. Gilbert ^{his} mark
Thos. Sargent ^{his} mark
Joseph ^{his} mark
State of N. Carolina Jones County first March Term 1789
Then was the within Will of Benⁿ Gilbert duly proved by
the oath of Thos. Sargent & David Sargent two of the subscribing
Witnesses Let it be Registered
At the same time Mary Gilbert the Executrix therein named
Qualified agreeable to Law Ordered that Letters issue ac-
cordingly
Test
Lucas Bryan C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I Thos. Pickens of Jones
County and State of N. Carolina Wheelwright being weak in
body but of perfect sound mind and memory (Plead to God) do
therefore this first day of February in the year of our Lord
One thousand seven hundred Eighty two, make and Publish
this my last will and Testament in manner and form following
First I Give and bequeath unto my beloved son William the plan-
tation whereon I now live with all the appurtenances together
with all my other Lands to him his heirs and assigns
forever immediately after he arrives to the age of