

In the name of God, Amen

This Twenty third day of November 1797 Jones County being sick, but of perfect mind & memory, thanks be to God for the same, calling to mind the mortality of my Body; it being appointed to all men once to die; do make & order this my last Will & Testament, I give & dispose of the same in the following Manner & form; That is to say —

Item. My Will is that all just Debts be paid by my Executor out of my Estate in a convenient Time after my decease

Item. I leave to my beloved Wife Sada Wood one Feather Bed and Furniture, One Iron pot & Kettle, 2 Cattle, 2 Spinning, One Pewter Dish, & half a Dozen Pewter Plates, during her natural Life or Widowhood.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Son Peter Wood One Tract of Land lying in Duplin County containing One hundred and fifty Acres to him & his Heirs for ever: to be sold as soon as can be conveniently after my decease, &

one half of the Money arising from the Sale of said Land I give to my Son William Wood to him & his Heirs for ever. also I give to my Son Peter One Roan Mare that he has in his keeping now, also I give to my Son William One 2 Year Heifer & one Hand Sawn

Item. I give to my Daughter Mahaley Amyet One Feather Bed, One Pewter Dish, & one Spinning Wheel, One Iron Cattle

Item. I give unto my Daughter Mary Wood One Feather Bed & Furniture, One Cow & Year old

Item. I give to my Daughter Nancy Wood one Feather Bed & Furniture, & one four Year old Heifer.

Item. I leave to my beloved Wife Sada Wood & my Sons John Wood, & Anthony Wood & Daniel Wood all the Remainder of my Estate that I have not given away during my Wife's Widowhood, & at her Death I give unto my Sons all the Estate that I have left to my Wife to be equally divided between John, Anthony & Daniel Wood. It is to be understood that my Debts is to be paid out of the best part of my Estate, in & hereby appoint my

beloved Wife Sada Wood my Executrix, with my Son Peter Wood my Executor of this my last Will & Testament as Witness my Hand & Seal in Presence of us — Gershom Wood Clerk, George Baggett, John Perry, Amos Amyet

State of North Carolina

Jones County Court, February Term 1798 —

Then was the foregoing last Will & Testament of Gershom Wood dec'd duly proved & open Court by the Oath of George Baggett & ordered to be recorded — at same Time Peter Wood qualified as Executor — Order'd that Lotters Testamentary Issue

A true Copy from the Original Will filed in the Clerk's Office of Jones County

Attest Jm Crum, Sec
Jno T. Bryan & Co.

In the name of God, Amen

I Joseph Gray of Jones County & State of North Carolina being very weak of Body, but of sound & perfect Mind & Memory, I calling unto Mind the mortality of my Body, & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die; do constitute & ordain this my last Will & Testament in Manner & form following; that is to say, principally I first of all I recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God who gave it, & my Body to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors after named — First — my Will and Desire is that my just Debts & Funeral Charges be paid by my Executors

Item. I give to my beloved Wife Liffha Gray, One Mare, One Cow & Calf & Two Heifers, & One Bed & Furniture together with One half of my Household Furniture to her, her Heirs & assigns for ever

Item. I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Gray One Bed & Furniture together with One Cow & Calf & One Heifer, & the remaining half of my Household Furniture

Item. I give to my Son Israel Gray One Horse, Bridle & Saddle, One Cow & Calf, one Heifer, together with all my plantation Tools & Farming Utensils

And I also give my Stock of Hogs & Pigs to my Wife & Two Children to be equally divided between them

I also nominate & appoint my Wife & my Son Israel Gray Executors, to this my last Will & Testament, & I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannul all & every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, Bequests & Executors by me in and wise before named, signed & bequeathed

Testifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament — In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this 17th Day of February 1798

Signed, sealed, pronounced by the said Joseph Gray as his last Will & Testament in the presence of us, the undersigned, who are his witnesses