

September Term 1781. Proved in Gen Court by the oath of Walter H Quillen one of subscribing witnesses Ordain that Letters issue to William Gilbert he having qualified agreeable to Law

In the Name of God Amen the 24th day of May in the year of our Lord 1778 I Jeremiah Prichard of Craven County in the Province of North Carolina Gentleman being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be to God for the same therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament: That is to Principally & first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body to the Earth Nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall shall Receive the same again and as Touching such worldly Estate where with it hath Pleased gods to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner—

I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Benjⁿ Prichard the Land and premises as followeth beginning at a marked white oak & black gum standing in a small down along the path that leads from where I now Live to my Plantation formerly called Grayham Staple; so from the said marked oak & gum by a line drawn N. E. to the back Line of my Land and so from the said oak & gum down the said Down to the main Down of the Iron mine branch & so down the Down of the said

Iron mine branch as far as my Land extends and all the Land that belongs to me to the Eastward of the said line & Iron mine branch to him the said Benjⁿ Prichard his heirs & assigns forever; as also my negro man called Sam that I had of Samuel Harrison and my negro woman called Phillis one feather bed & furniture bed he now occupies. I am I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Bazzie Prichard the Land and premises as followeth Beginning at a marked white oak standing between my plantation & chinapine creek in Swainsboro line it being a corner tree of the Land that Curaway took up to from the said tree by a line drawn N 70° W through my Land and from the said tree running the said Line and all the Land belonging unto me lying to the South and Southwest of the said line which Land lies on both sides of Chinapine creek unto him the said Bazzie Prichard his heirs and assigns forever; as likewise my negro man called Sam & my Melasse Girl called Tiller my negro girl called Violet one feather bed & furniture it being the bed we seldom make use of as likewise my bay Horse called Paul and my old saddle & bridle to him his heirs and assigns forever.

I am I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Caleb Prichard all the residue of Land which is not mentioned which said Land lyeth on both sides of the Iron mine branch it likewise being the Plantation Iron line on as also my negro man called Dick my negro woman called Bette my negro boy called James or from one horse called Shubert my young mare called Fanny my

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Bridle & saddle two feather beds and furniture &c
being the bed he makes use of & the box I make
of to him his horse and signs for ever. —
I am I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter -
Sarah Richards my negro man called Jack my neg
woman called Mollie my feather bed & furniture the
bed which she now occupies my white horse called
Moss the sixe saddle & Bridle to her her horse and signs for ever
And for what money I have in hand or what coming
to me to be equally divided between my four children
as to how with Clement Richards Caleb Richards Bazzie
Richards Sarah Richards after my just debts is
satisfied paid and further it is my will that all
the residue or Remainder part of my estate not by
made mentioned of but what kind or sort whatsoever
should be equally divided between my four children
above mentioned by the Judgment of Robert White and
William Siler without any sale being made to any part
or parcel thereof in case the said Robert White and William
Siler should refuse to be present and give their Judgment
to such equal Division then and in that case they my
each of them chuse a person whom they can trust to -
divide for them and they each of them shall be content
ed with such divisions made - And furthermore it
is my will & desire that my wife Mary should stay
and abide with my son Caleb Richards during
his natural life or widowhood and that he should
not alien her from such reasonable necessaries of life as
she his Estate can afford —

And furthermore I do constitute and ~~make~~ appoint
my son Clement Richards Executor of this my last will
and Testament Redifying and confirming this and no
other to be my last will and Testament In Witness where
of I have hereunto set my hand & seal the Day and year
above written —

Signed Sealed Published and Declared
by the said Jeremiah Richards as his last
will and Testament in the presence of
us the Subscribers —

James S. Standley. Job does
Elihu Atkinson.

Jeremiah Richards

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Then was the within last will & Testament of Jerem.
Richards duly proved in open Court by the oath of James
Standley one of the Subscribers who swore that he
saw the said Jerem. Richards sign seal Publish and declare
this instrument of Writing to be his last will & Testament
& that he was of sound mind at the Signing the same &
that he saw Elihu Atkinson & Job Does sign it with
him as witnesses — Test

And Clement Richards the Executor therein named
qualified as such agreeable to law ordered that letters
issue accordingly

Law Bryan C.C.

Lewis Bryan C.C.

In the name of God amen I Simon Edwards being sick
in body but of good & perfect memory thank be to Almighty
God & willing to recommend the uncertain state of
this transitory life do make & declare this my last