

Wills of North Carolina

In the name of God Amen I declare Godden of Jones  
County to be sick and weak in body but  
of sound mind and memory do make this my last will & testa-  
ment in manner and form following ~~to~~ <sup>viz.</sup> First I give my body  
to the Dust from whence it was taken to my soul to return  
to God who gave it And as for the worldly goods that have been  
left me and leave in manner following out —

I give to my two daughters Mary Adams & Elizabeth one  
shilling each lawful money over and above what they have already

Item — I give to my son Bearden Godden one Cow & Calf Item I give to  
my son James Godden all my Turners tools —

Item I leave the use and benefit of all the rest of my estate of what  
nature or kind soever and wheresoever the same may be found  
to my living wife Rebekah Godden during her natural life  
Except one feather bed and furniture which I give to her the  
said Rebekah Godden forever and at the Death of my wife  
Rebekah I give the Estate that is above mentioned in the will  
(left to myself) in manner following one half part of the same  
to my son Frederick Godden, then the one half part of the re-  
mainder of said property also give to my said Frederick the  
other half part to give to my son Daniel Bearden, Also my  
son James Godden to be equally divided between them or their issue

Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth one large Pewter Dish

And lastly I nominate and appoint my son above named Frederick  
Godden Executor to this my last will and Testament acknow-  
ledging and Confirming this to be my last will  
& Testament whereby I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
my seal this 24th Sept: 1787 —

Spence Scales and acknowledged in the presence of *John Godden* his  
wife and in the presence of *Bearden Godden* his  
son *Frederick Godden*  
*Matthew Rogers*  
*William Dean*

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In the Name of God Amen I declare this day being the  
and state of North Carolina Planter being sick in body but of perfect  
mind and memory Alwyd by God do bringe the nineteenth Day of  
February Anno 1794 Make and Publish this my last will and  
Testament in manner and form as follows ~~to~~ <sup>viz.</sup> Item I leave and  
give to my beloved wife Mary Birch all my Land and Plantation during  
her natural life before her death and if she marries to have one third  
to her or her heirs During her natural life

Item I also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Birch and  
son Frederick all one feather bed and furniture one Chest one  
Table one Kitchen Table one Dinnar Table one Sculler one  
Spider four Chairs One Pewter Dish One Dishes & Dishes plates  
One Box of Knives and forks one Tub one Pail one Cogen also  
Twenty bushels of Corn and all my Milch that I have now one  
Bar

One Plow one flock one Hoe one we one pair of Horses  
Traw Two hours also Two Sow and Pig and four shotes  
I give and bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Penelope Birch  
One feather bed and furniture also one Dark Colle Delivered when  
the Cows of age

Item I give and bequeath unto my Beloved Son Lawrence Andrew Birch  
all my Land and Plantation to him his heirs and assigns forever  
All the Rests of my Estate to be sold at the direction of my executors  
and all my just Debts Paid and the remainder to be Equally  
Divided Between my Daughter Penelope and my son Lawrence  
Birch

Item I hereby nominate and constitute and appoint my ~~wife~~ <sup>late</sup> beloved  
Wife Mary Birch and Elizabat Parry my Executrix to this my  
last will and Testament in full among things I have Unwritten  
my hand & seal the day and year first above written —

Signed Sealed and Published and  
Witnessed by the Testator for and as his  
last will and Testament in presence of  
us who have handwritten our names  
as witness John Parry

John Parry  
John Parry  
Daniel Keene

State of North Carolina

Jesse County Court Day Decr 1794

Whereas the foregoing last will & Testament of Nethel Birch did  
duly prove to open Court by the Oath of John Parry one of the  
Subscribing Witnesses & ordered to be recorded At the same time  
Mary Birch the Executrix therin named Qualified as such  
Ordered that Letters Testamentary Issue Accordingly —

Attest Jacob Bryan Esq

In the Name of God Amen I declare Godden of Jones County being  
sick and weak in body but in sound and perfect mind & memory and  
Calling to mind that it is appointed once for all men to die  
thrust my last will & Testament in manner & form following —

1st Item I give my Soul into the hands of God who gave it and  
my body to the Dust of which it was made & decently buried in a  
Christian like manner and as for these worldly Goods which I shall have  
here God to bestow upon me I leave in manner & form following —

2nd Item I give & bequeath to my wife beloved Mary Birch all my Land  
named Sutton one Negro Woman named Sally one Cow one Bull  
Two Pigs and Furniture Three Cows & Calves one Goat of Green Wool  
& Lamb to her her Heirs & assigns for ever

3rd Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Nancy Sanderson one Negro  
Woman named Diner one Negro Boy named Will and one Negro boy  
named Tom to her her Heirs and assigns for ever

4th Item I give and bequeath to my Son Lot Drayton W. John Haywood's Bonds  
make him a Right to a certain tract or parcel of Land lying near  
Mundine Mill in Onslow County the boundaries of which is contained  
in the P. Bond, Two Negroes named Jenny & Caesar two Cows &  
Calves one yoke of young Oxen one plow & Chain one sow and pig  
Four year old horses one Bed & Furniture one Box pt three

Shares to him his Heirs and Uspens for ever also Twenty five Dollars from  
5<sup>th</sup> Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Frazer one Negroe Woman  
a mulatto servant and her Daughter Candace also one Negro Girl named  
Parke, one Bed and Furniture to her her Husband Isaac Frazer for ever  
6<sup>th</sup> Item give and bequeath to my Daughter Aples Mallock two Negro Girls  
named Esther and Nancy one Bed and Furniture to her her Husband George  
Frazer for ever  
7<sup>th</sup> Item I give & bequeath to my son Urbane Frazer the House and Plantation where  
he doth live with the Land Belonging thereto to be Two Hundred & Eighty  
Acres to be the same more or less to him his Heirs & Uspens for ever  
8<sup>th</sup> Item I give & bequeath to my Son James Frazer a Parcel of Land lying on the  
North Side of White's River containing Jeremiah Nelson's house and John  
Borden's house of the River Entaining Two Hundred & 200 to the same more  
or less to him his Heirs & Uspens for ever  
9<sup>th</sup> Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Corrina Day one Negro Girl  
named Hannah Daughter of Dolly to her her Heirs & Uspens for ever  
10<sup>th</sup> Item I give & bequeath to my Grand Daughter Nancy Day one Negro Boy named  
John Dinson Son to her her Heirs & Uspens for ever  
11<sup>th</sup> Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Lucy Day Forty Pounds in  
Money to be paid out of my Estate to her her Heirs and Uspens for ever  
12<sup>th</sup> Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Sarah Gibson one Negro  
Girl named Dolly to her her Heirs and Uspens for ever  
13<sup>th</sup> Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Sereah Gibson one Negro Girl  
named Lizzie to her her Heirs & Uspens for ever  
14<sup>th</sup> I desire that my Negroes Senior Big Sam Little Sam to have and  
annually and the rest Forty Pounds when arising the following  
Day as her Legacy  
15<sup>th</sup> Item I give & bequeath for my Four Children Urbane Frazer, Joseph Frazer,  
Seth Frazer & Lucy Frazer Daughter four Pounds annately  
each, per Anthony, Jacob, Abner, Luke, Rose, Jacob, Lillian, Liddy, Ann  
Cornelia, Lashay and Charles to be Equally Divided among them as  
they come of age that is when the oldest comes of age to have  
his part & so on to the the youngest to them their Heirs and  
Uspens for ever  
I also Desire that all my Children that is under age  
should live with my wife  
and for the Support of her & the Children that lives with her I  
desire she should keep a small Stock of Horsy Cattle, Hogs & Sheep  
& all my Plantation Utensils and House Hold Furniture until  
my son Urbane arrives to full age and then to be Equally Divided  
among my Four Youngest Children Annually as they come to  
fullage or marriage to them their Heirs & Uspens for ever  
I desire that the Money arising from the other Negroe Men before  
mention Simon Bigam and Little Sam should be put to the use of  
supporting my Four Youngest Children until my son James comes of age  
shares and bequeath to my son James Frazer when of full age Two  
Mugs, one Metal Simon & Big Sam to him his Heirs & Uspens for ever  
I desire that when my Daughter Sereah Comes of full age or otherwise that  
Little Sam should be sold at Publick sale of the Money to be Equally  
Divided among my Five Daughters to them their Heirs & Uspens for ever  
Lastly I nominate and appoint my Son Lot Frazer and  
my Son in Law John Mallock & my Son in Law Wright

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Sanderson and James Nelson Execs of this my last Will and  
Testament Revoking all other Wills at any time before made  
made by me Acknowledging this alone, and no other to be my last  
Will & Testament Signed Sealed & presents  
of my July 25<sup>th</sup> 1796  
Sam Hobble  
Sam Fields  
Nedemus Nelson  
A. B. Since my Will was signed having brought to mind my late &  
Desire is that all my Money that is now in the House should be Equally  
Divided among my Wife & Five Daughters and for those that are  
not of age the Money to be put to Interest until they arrive  
to full age or marriage As witness my Hand & Seal this 2<sup>d</sup> day of  
August 1796  
J. A. Wick Jones  
Jeremiah Nelson  
State of North Carolina  
Surry County Court August term 1792  
This was the aforesaid and written last will and testament of Elijah  
Frazer deceased Proved in open Court the first part by the Testimony  
of Samuel Field one of the Subscribing Witnesses and the second part or  
testimonia thereof proved by the Testimony of Jeremiah Nelson one of the  
Subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, at the same  
time Lot Frazer and Joseph Sanderson two of the Subscribing Executors  
therein named Qualifyed as such Ordred that after Settlement  
of his Accoards According to Test. Last Bryan & C.

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In the Name of God Amen I Elijah Miller of the County of Surry  
and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory  
Blessed be God do this third day of November in the year of our Lord One  
thousand Seven hundred and Eighty eight make and publish this to be my  
Last will and Testament in manner following

1<sup>st</sup> I give unto my beloved wife Mary Miller all the land and  
Plantation whereto I now live during her natural life with all  
the houses and appurtenances to the said land belonging during  
her natural life & and after my widow die I give all my  
land by partition with all the improvements to my son Sam Little  
my heirs and assigns forever

2<sup>nd</sup> I bind to my wife Mary all my Stock of cattle and hogs during her  
natural life; and after her decease to the Right of said Stock  
to be equally divided between my sons and Daughters share and  
share alike except James Miller to whom I give my Land to & his  
neither of the Stock

3<sup>rd</sup> I bind to my beloved wife Mary all my household and Kitchen furniture  
during her natural life and after her decease to be equally divided  
between my sons and Daughters share & share alike