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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 lend 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

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

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

twenty one also one small Horse Colt which I give to him immediately.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah the plantation ~~and~~ (and my other Lands) whereon I now live with all the appurtenances until my son William arrives to the age of twenty one.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah all my personal Estate ~~and~~ of what kind or nature soever it ~~is~~ be, and my outstanding debts under ~~the~~ as follows forever and my will and desire is that out of the profits arising from the above Land and mine which be given and left to my wife Sarah she be obliged to maintain and Educate my children and also give to each of my Daughters one feather bed and furniture one Cow stable and one Linnen Ward when they shall arrive at full age or marry I nominate constitute and appoint my beloved wife Sarah Executrix of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and year within written.

Signed Sealed Published Acknowledged for and at his last Will & Testament in presence of us who have hereunto set our names at witness. Gabriel Pickens.
John Pickens. Richard R. Pickens
mark of

Howe Pickens

Done County of Guilford June Term 1782

Then was the last Will & Testament of Moses Pickens duly proved in open Court by the Oath of Gabriel & R. Pickens who swore that they saw the said Moses Pickens sign said and declare this instrument of writing to be his last Will & Testament & that he was of sound mind at the signing of the same. Test. L. L. Bryan &c.
Charles Pickens the Dea. therein named qualified & qualified to see Grand that letters of administration be granted to him.

In the name of God Amen I Michael Hoonce of Jones County and State of North Carolina Being weak in body but of sound mind and perfect memory (Blessed be God therefor) at this Twenty fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and following (that is to say) I hereby Commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me and my body to the earth from whence it came in hopes of a joyful resurrection through the merits of my Lord our Jesus Christ. And for that worldly estate which I shall please God to Bless me with I dispose thereof as follows
I give to my son Richard Hoonce my plantation and tract of Land on the head of Great Pineknapen containing one hundred & eighty acres of Land lying and being in the County aforesaid and on the head of Great Pineknapen creek aforesaid together with two other Tracts of Land adjoining the above mentioned Land one containing one hundred & fifty acres and the other containing two hundred acres and also two other Tracts of Land adjoining the above mentioned that is only now enclosed and when I have sold with the above mentioned Land give to my son Richard to him his heirs and assigns forever.

I give to my son Emanuel Hoonce the tract of Land purchased of Jacob Hoonce a part of which is included in the upper part of the plantation whereon I now live containing one hundred acres more or less and also one other tract of Land which I purchased of Hickliffe Tennant lying and being on the south side of Pineknapen Creek off