

State of North Carolina
Jas County Court March Term 1784 -
Then was the within last Will & Testament of John Gunter
read duly proved in Open Court by the Oath of William -
Bullock J. & John Stacker two of the subscribing witnesses
John Gunter & William Bullock the Executors therein named
being present refused to qualify as such Administrators on
the estate of the said John Gunter and Granted to Lucy Gunter
widow of the said Dec. with the like annexed ordered that -
Letters issue ✓ *Leadbetter Ck*

In the name of God Amen I Richard Fields of Jones
County and State of North Carolina Master being weak in body
but of perfect sound mind and memory (Blessed be God) do there-
fore this 14 day of Sept in the year of our Lord (Christ Jesus Born)
1784 make and Publish this my last will and Testament in
manner and form following Vizt

First I leave in last unto my beloved wife Mary Fields the
one third of the Land whereon I now live including the
buildings and cleared Land to her or assigns during her
natural life -

Item I do give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary one
negro woman named Pegg one mare three Cows and Calves one
feather Bed and furniture 1 qt of Brand Irons one B of smothering
Saws one Loom and Gears two windows (Chairs one Chest six
Chairs one Tea Table one dozen earthen plates one Stone
Grinder one pewter Tea pot half dozen Silver Tea spoons
one box glass one Fork & twenty five head of hogs all my

Crop of Rice one half the Towner forty Barrels four ten Iron pots
one frying pan and one hand mill to her and her heirs and
assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son James Fields all the land
and plantation whereon I now live also one Dish one Tray and
Bottle and one negro Girl Annaniah Slave (which Pegg
was given to my wife by her Mother since our intermarriage)
to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my ~~beloved~~ Daughter
Catherine & Nancy Fields one negro man Stephen and one
negro woman Nomina to be equally divided together with
increase when the arrive to the age of eighteen or many
share and share alike to them and their heirs and assigns
forever - one feather Bed and furniture to each of them -
and one Dish one Bacon Sea plates (pewter) which J. P.
Pewter to be equally divided between my said Daughters share
and share alike to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto the Child my wife is now
pregnant with one negro man (Slave) to him or
her as the case may be and its heirs and assigns forever I
also give unto the said Child all the remainder of my personal
estate not herein before bequeathed to it and its heirs and af-
signs forever - My Executors first paying all my just debts &
Demands that may be against my Estate out of the same.

I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my friends John
Perry and Frederick Larget my Executors to this my last Will
& Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this Day & year first above written.

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the Testator for and as if
his last Will & Testament in presence of the who have hereunto set
our names as Witnesses. Richard Peter Christian Moore.
Jas. Hopper.

Richard Fields

State of N. Carolina Jones County Court Sept. Term 1784
 This was the within said Will & Testament of Richard Fuld
 and duly proved in open Court by the Oath of Christian Korman
 one of the subscribing witnesses and named to be registered at
 the same time John Cary & Frederick Hargett the Executors therein
 named Qualified as such agreeable to Law Ordered that Letters
 issue accordingly Testis
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State of N. Carolina In the name of God Amen I Joseph
 Gilbert son of Jones County and State aforesaid being weak
 in body but of perfect sound mind and memory Do hereby
 Give as hereon this 27 day of Oct. 1783 make and Publish
 this my last will and Testament in manner and form following
 VIZT First I leave unto my beloved wife Mary during her
 natural life my negro woman Moll one feather bed and
 Furniture one Counter with two plates two Basins six spoons
 one peck one piggins one Table one large stool one Gray-
 mare three fowls Hens one iron pot one Skillet one
 Linen one broken tubs one Lamp Oil one one
 one box which said articles above mentioned I give
 and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Ann Gregory after
 the death of my wife & not before (the negro woman
 Moll excepted).
 Item I give and bequeath the Labour or benefit of the
 Labour of my negro Girls Moll & Nell and their increase
 to my Daughter Mary Ann Gregory during her natural

life (except so much of the hire as will pay the tax of 2 negroes
 yearly) and after her Death I give & bequeath they said ne-
 gress Moll & Nell with their increase to be equally divided
 amongst all the Children of my said Daughter Mary
 Ann Gregory which she now hath or hereafter may have
 (except her son John Moll Tippet for whom provision
 is already made) I also give and bequeath after my wife's
 death (the negro woman Moll & her increase, which I have
 lent to my wife) the Labour increase &c. of 2 negro woman
 to be disposed off in the same form and manner to my Daugh-
 ter Mary Ann Gregory and her heirs.
 Item I give and bequeath to the heirs of my son Benjⁿ
 Gilbert one Shilling being all I mean to give them
 Item I give and bequeath all the residue of my estate not
 herein before given or bequeathed to my Daughter Mary
 Ann Gregory (except all my Corn and as much Peck as
 will serve my wife Mary for one years provisions which
 I give to my wife —
 I hereby nominate constitute and appoint the County
 Court of Jones my whole and sole Executors of this my Testa-
 ment, and my will and desire is that the said Court should
 suffer any person to carry or convey 2 negroes out of the County
 of Jones during the life of my said Daughter Mary Ann
 Gregory ratifying this to be my last Will and Testament
 Signed Sealed Published and
 declared for and as his last will
 & Testament in presence of us
 who have hereunto set our names
 as Witnesses Jⁿ B. Bryan
 Hargett Jⁿ F. Gilbert
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Joseph Gilbert
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