

In the name of God Amen I William Gilbert of
Craven County and State of North Carolina being weak in
body but of sound mind and perfect memory (Blessed
be God) Do this Twenty first day of January in the year
of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy
nine make And publish this my last will and Testament
in manner and form following that is to say Imprimis
I give unto my son William Gilbert the Land and plan-
tation wherein I now live containing one hundred acres of
Land more or less to him and his heirs forever. Item It is
my will and desire that all my houses mares and cattle
shall be equally divided between my wife Priscilla Gilbert
and my male children. Item I give to all Daughters
separately one shilling a piece to be paid by my Execu-
tors when demanded. Item my further will and desire
is that my priscilla be and remain in peaceful posses-
sion of the house and plantation before divided to my
son William) during the time she shall continue my
widow. It is my further will and desire that all the residue
of my estate be and remain in the hands of my wife
untill my youngest son shall come of age and then
to be equally divided between my wife and my sons
aforesaid Lastly I constitute and appoint my son Wil-
liam Gilbert my Executor to this my last will and
Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed my seal the day and year—
just above written

Signed Sealed and Published }
in presence of us
William Lavender
Walter M. Quillen
Abraham B. B. B.

William W. Gilbert

September Term 1781. Proved in open Court by the oath of Walter McQuicker one of subscribing witnesses Ordains that Letters issue to William Gilbert he having qualified as a witness to Law.

In the Name of God Amen the 24th day of May in the year of our Lord 1778. Jeremiah Richards 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 god to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner —

I do give and bequeath unto my beloved son James Richards the Land and premises as followeth beginning at a markt^t white oak & black gum standing on a small drain along the path that leads from where I now Live to my Plantation formerly called Grayham field; so from the said markt^t oak & gum by a line ^{N. N. E.} to the back Line of my Land and so from the said oak & gum down the said Drain to the main Drain of the Iron mine branch & so down the Drain of the said