

200) In the name of God, Amen

I William Gilbert Gray jun^r of Jones County State of Carolina being weak of body but of sound & perfect mind memory do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following

I imp^ress me. I give & bequeath to my wife Priscilla all my Household furniture of every kind, all my plantation tools of every kind, & her head of two years old hogs meat salt, two hams and eight young hawks, a Hawk call'd Bon, (reserving the left) that the said Hawk is now big with for my Brother Thomas I also give my said wife two hams, one yearling & young salt & I bind unto my said wife one third part of the Manso Plantation & lands whereto I now live which descended to me by my father's last Will during her natural life & give unto my said wife ten Barrels of Indian corn & all the meat which is saved for family's use

Item. It is my Will & desire that so much of my personal estate not herein bequeathed be sold by my Executor to pay off my just debts & necessary expenses, & the residue thereof together with all my Estate both Real & personal, (except fifty acres of land bought of Henry Kirby) I give & bequeath to my child, and my wife is now pregnant with to him or her their heirs and assigns for ever

It is my further Will & desire that my Executor herein named make a division of the personal Estate which descended to my Father's last Will between my Brother Robert Gray myself together with the remaining part of this Estate which is yet undivided between my said Brother myself, as also all the Rock Wall property remaining undivided, be divided by my Executor the part which may be so allotted off to my Estate be sold by Executor at six Month's credit & the Money arising therefrom to be applied towards discharging my just debts, & the residue to be applied to the use & benefit of my Child which my wife is now pregnant with. I also desire that my Executor sell at six Month's credit the fifty acres of land I bought of Henry Kirby before mentioned, & that he execute a sufficient Deed of Sale therefor, & the sale of the said land I desire to be applied to the use of my Child before mentioned.

Lastly I nominate, constitute & appoint my friend Edm^t Mather to be the Executor of this my last Will & Testament, ratified & confirmed under my hand & seal this 1st day of March 1800

Signed sealed published & declared by me W^m G^ray Jr
(as per last Will & Testament intreses)

J James E. Wells

John M. Mather North Carolina vs
Mr. W^m G^ray Jones County Court, February Term 1806
Then was the aforesaid last Will & Testament of William Gilbert Gray jun^r duly proved in open Court by the Oath of William Prime one of the sub-
scribing witnesses thereto in due form of law ordered to be recorded; at the same time Edm^t Mather the Executor
therin named qualified as such agreeably to law
Ordered that letters probate accordingly 1st Term 1806

202) In the name of God, Amen

I James Merton of the State of North Carolina, Jones County being sick & weak of body but in perfect Mind & memory do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following

I will that all my just Debts should be paid by my Executor hereafter named

Item. I give & bequeath to my well beloved wife Mary Merton two Cows & Calves, one Bed & furniture, Crockery ware, household furniture & one Ham, a few & young hawks

Item. I give & bequeath to my Daughter Susannah one feather bed & furniture, one woolen Sheet & one Kiefer

Item. I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Merton one Bed & furniture, one woolen Sheet

Item. I give & bequeath to my Son William one Horse

Item. I leave to be sold one black Horse one yoke of Cows, all the plantation tools, & the Money to be divided among all my Children

I also nominate & appoint Thomas Lee my sole Executor to this my last Will & Testament as witness my Hand this 21st day of November 1802

Signed, sealed & delivered James Merton
w^m prime of us

Richard Rogers
Jonathan Lee
Rich^t Merton

State of North Carolina
Jones County Court February Term 1806

This was the within last Will & Testament of James Merton d^r duly proved in open Court by the Oath of Jonathan Lee, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto Ordered to be recorded; at same time Thomas Lee the Executor therin named qualified as such agreeable to law. Ordered that Letters Testamentary issue accordingly

Attest J. M. Mather

A true Copy from the Original
Will in the Clerk's Office of Jones
County Attest J. M. Mather

W^m Prime C. C.