

In the Name of God Amen the first Day of January one
Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Six I William King of the
Province of North Carolina & County of Martin being of a
sound & perfect mind & Memory thanks be to Almighty
God therefore Calling to mind the Mortality of My Body and
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die —
Principally & First of all I Give & Recommend my Soul into the
hands of Almighty God that Gave It and my body I
Recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Decent Christian
Burial at the Discretion of my Executors Nothing Doubting
But at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again
by the Mighty Power of God & As touching such worldly Estate
wherewith I have pleased God to bless me in this life I Give
Devise & Dispose of the same in the following Manner &
Form First of all my will & Devise is that all my just
Debts should be paid Then I Give the Land & Plantation whereon
Now I live to my Well beloved wife I Give to my Well beloved Wife
one Bay Mare Bridle & Saddle & the Still the Hogs & Cattle
to Raise the Children upon two feather Beds & Furniture & Two
Potts two Yokes & Lambos I Give & Bequeath to my well beloved wife
one Walling Wheel & Lining Wheel all the fixt & Carthen Ware
two Hens two hoes & the Beer
Then I Give to my well beloved son Robert King & his Wife a Piece of Land &
one Acre of Land & her Increase & the Neg. Mahogany Tools and one yoke
Schooling him & his heirs forever
Then I Give and bequeath to my well beloved son William King the
Plantation on which I live after my wife's Decease or Widow hood for him
& for his heirs for ever
Then I Give to my well beloved Daughter Mary King one feather Bed
& Furniture I Give my Great horse to be sold & the Money Divided
Between my two Daughters Mary King & Elizabeth King & their
heirs for ever Then I Give to my well beloved Daughter Elizabeth King
one feather Bed & Furniture the & her heirs for ever
Principally & Last of all I constitute & Appoint my Trusty
friend William Daniel and my beloved wife Executors to this my

Last Will & Testament Wholly Revoking Disannulling & Dissolving
all & every other former will & Testament to me in any wise
made or Allowed Ratifying & Confirming this and as it is to be my last
Will & Testament I Witness Thereof I have hereunto set my hand and
the Day and Year Above Written I have sealed Published Pronounced
& Declared by the said William King as his Last will & Testaments
In Presence of us

I the ones —
Alexander Etheridge
Elizabeth King

William King

In the name of God Amen the twenty fifth Day of March 1785 I Benjamin
Hardison being Very sick and Weak in body and therefore it is appointed for
all men once to Die thanks be to God for it Calling to mind the Mortality of
my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die Do make &
Ordain this my Last will & Testament that is to say Principally & first of
all I Give & Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that Gave it
and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like Manner
at the Discretion of my Executors and as for my worldly Goods wherewith I
have pleased God to bless me I Give & Dispose of them in the following
Manner I Give and bequeath to my sons John Hardison & William Hardison
the Negro Woman called Phill and her Children Liberty Love and Estate
I Give to my brother Hardison one feather Bed & Furniture one
Cow and one calf I Give to my son William Hardison one feather Bed and
furniture and one Cow and calf. Then I Give to my beloved Wife
Elizabeth Hardison all the Rest of my Estate both within Door & without
for the Support of the Family and Raising of the Children for the term of
Eight years to be Equally Divided According to Law I Give to my
beloved wife Elizabeth Hardison one third Part of the Mills and also one
third Part of the Plantation thereunto belonging to her & to her heirs forever
and all the Rest of my Estate to be Equally Divided between the Children
I had by my Wife Elizabeth Hardison Gabriel Hardison Hardy Hardison
Lth Hardison Samuel Hardison Martha Hardison Thomas Hardison

and Elizabeth Hardison and their Executors to Do as they think best with the Negroes that is Contending for Freedom & to constitute and Appoint my beloved Brother, Wm Hardison and I do hereby Appoint my friend John Stewart, and my Wife Elizabeth Hardison my sole and sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament to see that all the above be done as I have directed in my last Will & Testament.

In the Presence of
 First Isaac Goodrich, Jurat
 Edmund Smithworth
 John Hardison

Wm Hardison

On the Ninth Day of June 1785 we Saw Mary Smith Deliver unto Malachi Smith one Negroe boy by the name of buck to be his property After here Recause Delivered before us
 John Smith Jurat
 Daniel Bunker Jurat

North Carolina Martin County in the Ninth Day of June 1785 we Saw Mary Smith take by the hand and Deliver two Negroes unto John Smith one by the name of Malachi and the other by the name of Vilot both lawfully delivered before us Charles Council
 John Council
 Daniel Bunker Jurat
 Delivered in the same Manner

In the name of God Amen I James Gainer of the State of North Carolina County of Martin being Weak in body but of Sound mind & memory Thanks to God therefore willing to mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing it is Appointed for all men Once to die do make & Give in this my last Will & Testament The first of all I Give & Recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it & my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried at the Discretion of my Executors & as touching such worldly Estate as I have with it both phared God to bless me in this life I Give Demise & dispose of the same in the following Manner & then

I Give & bequeath to my well beloved wife Mary Gainer my Land & Plantation wherein I now live Containing One Hundred Acres also my right of a piece of Land wherein my father lived to her & her heirs for ever
 I Also Give & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Gainer one Negroe Man named Wm during her Natural life & at her Demise to Elizabeth Noble Daughter of Sarah Noble to her & her heirs for ever

I Also Give & bequeath to my well beloved wife Mary Gainer all the residue of my Estate both Real & Personal that is to say all my Stock Cattle Hogs & One Horse & all my Household Furniture & all my whole property both within Doors & without even to the Value of one Penny To her & her heirs for ever

Last of all I constitute & Appoint my Trusty friend Thomas Hunter Executor of my last Will & Testament to his my last Will & Testament & I do hereby utterly Revoking & Annulling every other former Will & Testament by me in anywise made In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 13th of April 1786

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared by the said James Gainer to be his last Will & Testament In presence of us

Barbery Quawls
 The James Gainer

James Gainer