

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 to wit my hand & Seal

Signed Sealed Pronounced & Declared by me the said Wm Hardison as 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 then in body but of weak 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 pleased God to bless me in this life I Give Devise & 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 Tom during her Natural life & at her Decease 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 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
 Parbury & Quawls
 The James Gainer

James Gainer
 Thomas Hunter
 Parbury & Quawls