In the name of God Amen I Robert Cake of the State of North Carolina in the County of Martin being Very Sick and Weake in Body but of Perfect Mind and memory knowing that it is Appointed to all men Once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament Principally & first of all I Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that Gave it and my body to be Committed to the Earth & buried the ~~Rest~~ Decent Christian like Manner at the Direction of my Executors Hereafter Mentioned and What worldly Estate it hath been pleased Almighty God to Bless me in this life I Give and Bequeath in the Manner and form Following

Item I lend unto my Beloved wife Mary Cake all my Estate of Whatsoever Kind it may be During her Natural or Widowhood

Item I Give and bequeath unto my beloved Niece Rachel Cowing One Cow and Calf Feather Bed and Furniture One Brown Work and three Plates to her the Said Rachel and her Heirs forever to be Delivered unto her by my Executors After the Death or Marriage of my Said Wife

Item I Give and bequeath unto my beloved Niece Martha Cherry all my Estate both Real and personal Except the Articles before bequeathed Unto Rachel Cowing to her the Said Martha Cherry her heirs or Assigns for Ever to be Delivered unto her after the Death or Marriage of my Said Wife

Lastly I Constitute and Appoint my beloved Friend Thomas Hunter and Peter Biggs Executors to this my Last Will & Testament Hereby Revoking all Former Wills by me made Ratifying and Confirming this and no Other to be my Last will & Testament in Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this 16th day of September 1781 Signed Sealed published Pronounced & Declared by the Said Robert Cake to be his Last Will & Testament in presence of

John X his mark Glen
Celia C Brewer
Mark

Robert Cake (Seal)

North Carolina } Know all persons whom it May Concern
Bertie County } that I Thomas Ashburn of the County and Province Afores Taylor for and in Consideration of the sum of Twenty Pounds Ten Shillings Current Money of the Colony of Virginia to me in hand paid by William Duggan of the Said County Carpenter the Receipt whereof I do hereby Acknowledge have Bargained Sold & Delivered and by these presents According to the due form of law do Bargain Sell and Deliver unto the said William Duggan One Negro Girl Named Patt Aged About four Years and One Mare to have and to Hold the said Bargained premises unto the Said William Duggan his Executors Administrators and Assignes for Ever and I the Said Thomas Ashburn for myself my Heirs Executors & Administrators the Said Bargained Premises unto the Said William Duggan his Executors Administrators and Assigns Against all persons Shall and will warrant and forever Defend by these presents In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Seventeenth Day of May in the twenty third Year of his Majesties Reign & in the Year of Our Lord 1783

Sealed & Delivered in Presence of Us
Jno Sallis
Thos Whitmell Jurat

Thomas his mark Ashburn (Seal)

Rec.d May 17th 1783 Seventeen pounds ten Shillings Virginia money in full for the Above Consideration

John Sallis
Thos Whitmell

Teste Rec.d of me Thomas his mark Ashburn