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I have now sold my house and land to Joseph Griffen and his wife
 to my two sons Asa Griffen and Micajah Griffen to them and their
 heirs forever lawfully together their own heirs & their first give to my
 son Micajah Griffen as much of my goods & chattels as will make him
 even with all brothers & sisters that have left me then my share in
 that the sum and in of my goods & chattels which is not already
 mentioned to be equally divided between my three sons and one
 daughter by the Marrow of Joseph Griffen Asa Griffen Micajah Griffen
 and Asa Griffen to them and their heirs forever only the
 one I likewise nominate and appoint Jethu their son Joseph
 Griffen Asa Griffen and Micajah Griffen my true Executors to this
 my last will and Testament in handling all other debts by me here
 and Testament unpaid I have signed to set my hand & Seal this day of
 above written 1722 Pronounced and delivered by their
 Promoter Griffen to be his last will & Testament in the
 presence of Benjamin Eastick
 John Griffen Abraham Johnson
 Epnetus Griffen Debal
 Christian F. Griffen Debal
 March

Archives County of September Court 1798 Then the foregoing
Instrument of writing was proved to be the last Will and
testament of Ebenezer Griffith by the oath of Abraham Johnson
A Witness thereto before me
J. B.

For the Name of God Amen William Bird of the County of York and
the Rector of the Parish of St. Andrew being Sick and Weak of body and of feeble
mind and the more thankful to God and Calling to mind the Mortality of man
by which it is appointed for all men Once to die & to make his way to
and to be buried, Therefore I recommend my soul unto God that gave it
body to the earth to be raised in a blessed Christian to be married with the
creation of my sweetest daughter named Elizabeth my wife, I do hereby
Praise Almighty God to be true after me I give and assign of the same in the
lawful manner, First I leave in the hands and at his discretion for the use
of Henry Gollitt and piece of Land lying on the River dam adjoining
Salom Cherry's house to him and his heirs and Negroes Wench named Alice son to the
Name of John and Dr. named Rhoda Smith & their heirs and assigns and
More named Catherine and her heirs to be disposed of to them
as they shall think fit and my above said daughter

And at the decease of John Collier, husband of Mary Collier, I have collected the above
 down. I have of my right the share of my brother Edward
 Reed & his disposal. Now I have the use of one Negro girl and her
 Collier daughter of 3 years during her natural life and until she
 has been of legal age. I give and bequeath her body to my daughter
 Phoebe Negro Slave with passage to her and to her disposal but for
 the use of such thing I give and devise of the same as I shall hereafter
 direct. I have given and bequeathed to my daughter Collier the above named
 Negro girl which was lent unto John Collier to her. Phoebe's
 Real & Personal Estate and bequeathed unto Martin Reed one piece of
 Land known by the name of Pasture Neck lying on Concho Creek & his
 disposal. Now I have the use of my one Negro woman with increase unto
 my Mother Ann Haughton during her natural life & then to be disposed
 of as I shall hereafter direct. I have given and bequeathed unto my son
 Phoebe Edward Reed one Negro. I have named George one Negro girl named
 Chana and D. named Rachel one Negro boy named Daniel likewise
 the above Negro woman with increase above lent unto my Mother known
 by the name of Nell to him and to his disposal. Lastly I have con-
 firmed and confirmed my brother Edward Reed likewise Martin
 Reed Executors to this my last will and Testament, wishing
 & confirming this & the other to be my last will & Testament in full
 of all wherof I have set my hand & affixed my seal this eighth day
 of November Anno Domini 1798
 Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of
 us Wm Foster Junr. Clerk Wm Foster his W. Seal
 Henry Foster William Shaw William Reed & Seal
 made

Wm Foster Junr. Clerk
 Henry Foster William Shaw William Reed & Seal
 made
 Martin County Dec. Court 1798 Then the foregoing Instru-
 ment of writing was proved in Open Court to be the last will
 and Testament of Wm Reed by the Oath of Wm Foster Junr. On W.
 Ordered Registered

In the Name of God Amen the fourth day of September in the
 Year of Our Lord 1798 I William Cook of North Carolina in the
 County being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and
 memory thought be given to God for the same and calling to mind the Mor-
 tality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to die
 I do make and Ordain this my last will and Testament that is
 to say I give off all I give and recommend my soul into the
 hands of God that gave it and as touching my worldly Estate
 I have disposed of it by this my last will and Testament

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 I have given and bequeathed unto my son John Wiggins one hundred and
 thirty acres of land and the improvement thereon and the improvement
 to be paid out of my Estate also I give to my wife beloved wife
 Cransty Cook all the residue of my Estate to raise & school my chil-
 dren and if any part remains unto my son when he is of age I give
 One third my will is that it should be equally divided between my wife
 beloved wife and my children. I have constituted make & Ordain
 my Only Well Beloved Son James Downing & my wife Cransty Cook of this
 my last will and to execute in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand & Seal this day & Year above written
 James Downing
 Joseph Downing
 Martin County March Court 1792 Then the foregoing Instru-
 ment of Writing was proved in Open Court by the Oath of James
 Downing to be the last will & Testament of William Cook On W.
 Ordered Recorded

In the Name of God Amen I John Jones of
 Martin County & State of North Carolina of the One part being of the
 Mind and memory helped by God and calling the flesh of my
 and knowing it is appointed for all men Once to die I do this last
 day of my life and dispose of my last and truest and best
 of the good luck and discharge this to be my last will and Testament in full
 of all wherof I have set my hand & affixed my seal this eighth day
 of November Anno Domini 1798
 Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of
 us Wm Foster Junr. Clerk Wm Foster his W. Seal
 Henry Foster William Shaw William Reed & Seal
 made
 Martin County Dec. Court 1798 Then the foregoing Instru-
 ment of writing was proved in Open Court to be the last will
 and Testament of Wm Jones by the Oath of Wm Foster Junr. On W.
 Ordered Registered