

for furthering fifteen years in day of their birth  
now in the age three hundred living above the S. Branch of Salley's River  
near his house the Conover Road & path down the head of river to about  
one Hundred & Twenty Acres, Not to interfere with his lands by too much for  
the Support of his Daughter Nancy and my desire is that she & Tommy to  
her have the Use of the said said Part of the One Hundred & Twenty Acres for  
subsisting her life on until her Marriage and at her death or Marriage to leave  
to her, Nancy Whetley, Brokers the one third of the same, and together with the  
Other two thirds at the expiration of Five years which then before her  
it to her Mother & my Will is that if the S. Nancy should have left of her  
of her body the Lands to her & her Heirs forever and no consideration  
dies without you I give her. Lead to Nancy Whetley to him & his Heirs  
ever I send unto my Brother John Whetley all my Lands on the North Side of  
Lander Creek during his life and at his death of his Heirs forever. —  
My Will and desire is that your Uncle John Whetley of Williamston in  
Wm. some time since purchased a piece of land of the Executors of the  
Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Est. for failing to make a will my desire is that  
Executors bring suit for said land and if recovered to be equally divided  
between Nancy Whetley & Benjamin Whetley to them and their Heirs forever.  
My Will and desire is that my part of the lands that formerly the property  
of Samuel Whetley be sold for his Mother Ruth  
I give and bequeath unto Nancy Whetley and her Heirs forever  
in New called Liberty two Cows & Calves two small dry Cattle one Horse & one  
colt one plough four Hoes to her & her Heirs forever  
Ten acres of land lying unto my son Benjamin Whetley next to the River  
Tuckaseegee and young Billy along one side Mill tree Creek & another side  
Cattle to him and his Heirs forever  
I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Whetley one  
Brother and his Heirs one big ten acre and Calves one young Billy  
called Billy to her and her Heirs forever.  
Now I give unto my Daughter Lydia Whetley one Red and Brown horse  
one top Cow & Heifer to her & to her Heirs forever  
Now I give unto Nancy Whetley Brokers and her Heirs & her  
Heirs forever of Lydia's descent after her Death one Cow & Heifer and  
one Stock of her - those who have already got in the care of Nancy had  
Mother & of the S. Nancy should die without You & your Heirs together  
set the Articles given to her return to the Survivor of my Children &  
Daughters of Lydia & her Heirs  
and to Nancy Brokers and her Heirs & her  
Heirs

to my Sons Anne Griffin and Margaret Griffin to them and their  
Heirs forever lawfully by this their own hands & Seals first given to me  
for Margaret Griffin as much of my Goods & Chattels as will make her  
even with her brother Whetley that hath left me then my desire is  
that the remainder of my Goods & Chattels which is not already  
mentioned to be equally divided between my three Sons and one  
Daughter by the Name of Joseph Griffin & Ann Griffin Maria &  
Luanna and Anne Griffin to them and their Heirs forever by the  
Copy I have willed this instrument and appointed getting them Sons Joseph  
Griffin & Ann Griffin and Maria Griffin my Soul Executor to this  
my last will and Testament in handwriting all other Wills by me hereto  
you made certifying and confirming with this other to be my last Will  
and Testament and I have caused to set my hand & Seal this day 27<sup>th</sup>  
above written signed pronounced and so sworn by them  
Executor Griffin to be his last will & Testament in the  
presence of us Benjamin Carter  
John Griffin & Joseph Johnson  
Signature of Benjamin Carter  
Signature of John Griffin & Joseph Johnson  
Signature of Joseph Johnson

Epistles Griffin & Seal  
Christian X. Griffin & Seal  
mark

Kadon County 27 September 1798 Then as a foregoing  
Instrument of writing was proved to be the last Will and Testa-  
ment of Epistles Griffin by the oaths of Abraham Johnson  
& Richard Price to be duly recorded

Thos. Hunter Esq.

In the Name of God Amen. I William Bird of the County of Tyrone in  
the Province of the Carolinas being sick and Weak of body but of full  
mind and memory thankfull to God and Calling to mind the Mortality of my  
body than it is appointed for all men Once again I do make this my last will  
and Testament. Impribing to recommend my soul unto god Almighty King  
Jesus to the earth to be buried in Adewich Christian like manner, & the execu-  
tion of my executors hereafter named & touching my worldly Estate I do  
leave Almighty God to be law uppon me I give and devise of the same in the p-  
lacing whereof First I leave the bonds and all his Belongings for the use  
of Nancy Bellville one piece of Land lying on the lower dam adjoining to  
Nancy Cherry's house likewise one Negro Wm. and Nancy Bellville  
James Gibbons Dr. Wm. Rhoda Bellville & their Servants for his use and  
Ward. Wm. Gibbons wife and Daughter to be disposed of by the

and at the desire of John Collier, Notary Public of New Bern, I give and bequeath unto my brother Edward Bird & his wife, Ann Head the sum of one hundred dollars, and my daughter of S. Harvey during her natural life, and through the same leave open & have laid full title & possession of her body, give and bequeath the S. Negro Statia with Parche to Rock and to their Dispensal before the death of such slaves I give and bequeath the same as full bequests, first, I give and bequeath unto Harry Collier the above named Negro girl Statia which goes last unto Sam Collier to her. Then the slave of the name of Pastor, Rock lying on Coopers Creek, to be disposed of, from Head & Lee of my own Negro wrench with the same and my Mother Ann Slaughter during her natural life & then to be disposed of as I shall hereafter direct. Then I give and bequeath unto my brother Edward Bird one Negro. Fellow named George one Negro & William Chanc one Dr. Name. Rachel one Negro by name Daniel likewise the above Negro wrench with the same above last unto my Mother known by the name of Head to him and to his Dispensal to fully execute & dispose of the same & appoint my brother Edward Bird Likewise Martin Jason Bird Executors to this my last will and Testament, revoking & Confirming this & No Other, to be my last will & Testament in full many whereof I have set my hand & affixed my seal this eighth day of November anno Domini 1795

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of  
us H. Hobson J. T. Gresham William C. Bird Seal  
Henry Foster William Shaw

Martin County Decr. Court 1795 Then the aforesaid Justice  
of writing was proved in Open Court to be the last will  
and Testament of Wm. Bird by the Oaths of Wm. Foster & W.  
Conrad Registered

Ph. Hunter C. L.

In the name of God I give this first day of October in the  
year of Christ 1795. William Bird of North Carolina in the  
County being very sick and weak in body but of full mind dole  
many thanks be given to God for the same and calling to mind the Mort  
ality 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 First of all I give and recommend my soul into the  
hands of God that governeth and am touching with worldly Estate  
and that I have had & left in the world

I place & will that all my Lands Dots and general Charter be paid  
to be divided Out of my Estate also I give to my will beloved wife  
Canting Cook all the residue of my Estate to give to her my  
dear and if any part remains unto my son comes to the age of twenty  
One year my will is that it should be equally divided between my will  
beloved wife and my children. I herby constitute make & Ordain  
my Only Will Executors James Downing & my wife Canting Cook of this  
my last will and testament in Witness whereof I have caused to set my  
hand & Seal the day 8 Year above written

James Downing Seal

Joseph Downing

Martin County Decr. Court 1795 This is the aforesaid  
most of Writing was proved in Open Court by the Oaths of James  
Downing to be the last will & Testament of William Bird Esq. M.  
Ordeal Recorded

Ph. Hunter C. L.

In the name of God Amen I John Davis of  
Martin County & State of North Carolina of the Age of being a  
Blind and Memory Impaired and calling the Plantation of  
and knowing it due appropriated for all men Once to die in the Month  
of March and witness of our said one hundred days ago and that  
Wee publickly did say this to be my last will and Testament before  
them I did write my beloved wife Rachel Jones during her residence  
the Land and plantation wherein I now live Describing the same orchard my in  
Frederick Island one Negro man named Daniel & negro woman named Sus  
& Twenty five pounds in Money to be her a House with One under Stables & three  
fireplaces and Cellars & a Barn of about three acres and Twenty acres the land  
Tuniteas two Barns & two Poles the Poles to be planted thereon As per the plan  
big parties Sparas one Chest one Linen Wardrobe one Trunk one  
Citter basket one Chair one sofa a pair two Barn Poles the land to be  
two sides & two ends of the same that is made on the plantation they  
along do now all of which I had with her during her residence  
Then I give and bequeath unto my son John Higgins Power that plantation  
where he now lives with One hundred acres there or less Higgins &  
my Own Sonnow living Ellijay because to No flat place in the neighborhood  
Morgan Please One Negro boy named Moses

Then I give to my grand Daugher Mary Ann Jones One Negroe  
named Phebe

Item I give to my Grand Daugher Sarah Coates One Negro  
named Maria