

387 In the name of God amen William Griffen of the State of North Carolina
 Martin County being of sound and perfect mind & memory do hereby
 do this Sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred make & publish his my last Will & Testament in Manner following
 that is to say — First I lend unto my Mother Elizabeth Griffen
 my dwelling House wherein I do now live and the one half of my apple
 Orchard and the one third part of my plantation and land joining the House
 for her life It is my Will and desire that the rest of my Home land
 and plantation should be duly rented out and the money arising to be
 for the Support of my Wife and Child while she lives a Widow and for
 the Support of my Child till he be seven years of age also it is my
 Will and desire that my brotherial son Luke Mizell should take my son
 David Griffen when he is seven years of age and bring him up and give
 him two years Schooling my Will and desire is that my Land lying
 on the White oak Pocoson should be sold & the money arising should be
 to pay the expenses of giving my Child his schooling I give my Corn &
 meal that is now in my House to be equally divided between my wife
 Delila Griffen and my Mother Elizabeth Griffen — I also give unto my
 Wife Delila Griffen one feather bed & bedstead and furniture & also desire
 that my Hair may be sold and the money arising to be divided between
 my Wife & my Mother and the Wheat that is now growing to be equally divided be
 tween my Wife & my Mother & the Wheat that is now in the house to be equally divid
 ed between my wife & my Mother — whereas I am owing Richard Upson
 three Months Schooling I desire that he may have it and as many of my
 Hogs sold as shall pay the same & that he may have the same pound and
 Pigs that is killed at this time according to bargain & that the rest of
 my Hogs to be equally divided between my wife and my Mother my Will
 and desire is that my Cart & Wheels and my Cattle should be sold & the
 money put at Interest for my Child when come of age and I give the rest
 of my Property to my son David Griffen — And I hereby make & ordain
 my worthy friend Luke Mizell Executor of this my last Will & Testament
 In Witness whereof the said William have to this my last Will and
 Testament set my hand at the day & year above written

388 Signed sealed published and declared by the said William
 Griffen the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence
 of us who were present at the time of signing & sealing
 Henry Helling
 Nelson Helling — William Griffen Seal

October 9th day 1801 — — — —
 Simon Smithwick to Lha Griffen Debtor to Eighteen pounds six
 # — — — —
 James Carson Debtor to Lha Griffen to Ninety Dollars
 Ten pence at Lha Griffen to Six pence per Pound — — — —
 Luke Bennett Debtor to Lha Griffen to Seven pound ten Shillings
 Stephen Rogers Debtor to Lha Griffen to Six pounds — — — —
 And I the said Lha Griffen do Give all the Money contained in this
 account to my three eldest Brothers James Griffen Henry Griffen & Joshua
 Griffen and my Sister Charity Griffen to be equally divided amongst them all
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 I also Give to my Brother Simon Griffen Twenty Eight Dollars and Ten
 Shillings & pence — and all the Rest of my property do Give to be equally divided
 my said Brothers James Henry Joshua and Simon — and I do
 also Give all my Lumber that is in pit and in the Boxes to be
 Equally divided between my two youngest Brothers Joshua Griffen and
 Simon Griffen In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
 Seal Ten pence sealed and acknowledged in
 the presence of us
 Let Peter Lilling
 Let Simon L. Robinson
 Lha Griffen Seal