

State of Carolina } In the name of God Amen  
 Martin County } King of peace reign and memory to make  
 me ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form  
 following to wit, In nomine I command my soul into the hands of  
 God, my creator, hoping that through the merits of Jesus  
 Christ my soul it will be saved over my body to the earth  
 when of it is made —

I give and bequeath to my wife Sally, bearing the white  
 face Mass and the old name, when we cast body &  
 White, as many sheep, hogs and cattle as shall be thought  
 necessary, also two beds and furniture, I leave to her  
 the plantation where I now live, born hold and kitchen  
 furniture except what may be otherwise apportioned  
 in this will — I give and bequeath to my sons  
 Austin & Hally, my lower plantation to them and  
 their heirs. I give my son Austin one horse &  
 Gunnelion & one small colt, one year old —  
 I give and bequeath to my son Richard the plantation  
 where I now live after the death of my wife above on  
 her as a furniture, one cow two years old —  
 after paying my just debts and what property  
 is not mentioned in his will. The surplus if any  
 I give to my daughters Bracy and Anna  
 I hereby constitute and appoint my friend  
 William H. Warren Esq. to be my last will  
 and Testament. the 23 April 1825.

Witness  
 J. L. Lyman  
 W. Mitchell

Rufus L. Kenning  
 Marks

Jan 1st 1825. This will was exhibited in open  
 court and a person according to Law and  
 Mr. R. Ware the master then in session came into  
 court and qualified to execute the same

Jno. B. Pitts  
 Clerk

State of North Carolina } In the name of God Amen  
 Martin County } I Willis Reddick of the County of Martin  
 in the State of North Carolina being very weak in body but of  
 sound disposing mind and memory and calling to mind the  
 mortality of mankind and knowing it is appointed for all men once  
 to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in  
 manner and form following first and prouable I recommend my soul  
 into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body to be buried  
 in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors  
 my I will that all my just debts and funeral Charges be paid and  
 satisfied out of my Estate — I lend unto my beloved wife Ruth Reddick  
 the Land and Plantation wherein she now lives during her natural  
 life also three Feather Beds & furniture and as much of my Kitchen  
 furniture as will be sufficient for her to keep House on also one  
 Negro Woman named Pharaby — and also one Negro Man her choice  
 out of my three Negro Men — Isaac, Dick & Harry — and two Horses her  
 choice out of my four Head — two Cows & Calves — Eight Head of sheep  
 twenty Head of Hogs — two Pew stocks & give four Pies Hoes and four  
 wedging Hoes — two axes — two grubbing Hoes my Hunting Gun and my  
 new Hat and after her death to be equally divided amongst all my  
 Children — The Land that I lent her after her death I give to my well  
 beloved Son Ephraim Reddick the plantation in the Penny woods — also  
 I give him one Hundred and twenty five Acres lying on the ready  
 posson — also fifty Acres lying on Paper branch to him and his heirs  
 and Assignee forever — also I give unto my Son John S Reddick the  
 Plantation in the Island — also I give him thirty one Acres known by  
 Hodges old field — also I give him the Land in Coranine posson to his  
 heirs and Assignee forever — also I give to my son John the Gun that I  
 keep in the Islands — Also I give to my Daughter Nancy Reddick one  
 Feather Bed & Furniture — one Cow & calf which she has in her possession  
 also I give Nancy Reddick one Negro Girl by the name of Taffy —  
 also I give unto my three Daughters Christian Reddick and Olivia Reddick  
 and Hanner Reddick all of them one small Negro a piece and about  
 the value of that one I gave to my Daughter Nancy and all the  
 rest of my Negroes to be equally divided amongst all my children at my  
 Son Johns arriving to the years of twenty one — It is my will desire  
 that my three youngest Daughters should have one Feather Bed a piece  
 also it is my will and desire that all my Children should have sufficient  
 schooling out of my Estate — It is my will and desire that the remaining  
 part of my Negroes that has not been given away should be hired out

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until my Son John arrives to the years of twenty one - It is my will and desire that if my wife could not make a sufficient support of the plantation I left her that she should have as much of Rent of Island as will make a sufficient support for her family - It is my desire that all of my purchased part of my Estate that has not been lent nor given away should be sold also it is my will and desire that my Executors should went out my Island Land to some good carefull man that would live in the House and take care of it and to take care of my orchard and keep it well trimmed when it needs it and to rent out about half the plantation at a time and have it pleas planted in it every year that it is tended - Also it is my will and desire that my Barn should be repaired and my Cedar House should be furnished and paid out of my Estate - Lastly I constitute and appoint my Friend Noah Reddick and James Reddick Executor to this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and disannulling all my former Wills by me made and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of October 1890

Signed sealed published and delivered  
by me the said Willis Reddick to be  
his last Will and Testament in presence of }  
Jas. James Bennett

Willis Reddick

The above Will was contested at December Term 1899 and after a full investigation was proved according to Law in open Court before <sup>Judge</sup> Willis Reddick  
the true Author of the same & quashed to execute the same

John Roberts C.W.

State of North Carolina  
Martin County } In the name of God Amen - I William Perry being  
of perfect mind and memory blessed be to God do this 13th day of September  
in the Year of Lord 1899 make and publish this my last Will and Testament  
manner following to say - Item 1st I lend unto my Wife Martha  
my Land and plantation wheron I now live during her life time or  
Widowhood - Item 2nd I lend to my wife my wife's man Farm during  
her Lifetime or Widowhood - Item 3rd I lend to my wife One Cow and  
two Heifers her choice during her life time or Widowhood - Item 4th  
I lend to my wife one young Horse during her Lifetime or Widowhood  
Item 5 I want all my Stock of cattle that is except them lent to be sold  
to pay my just debts Item 6th After the death of my wife or marriage  
I give unto my Son Noah Perry my Land and plantation wheron I

now live - Item 7th I give unto Miles Perry a hundred and fifty  
Acres of Land <sup>in Beaufort</sup> adjoining his own Land - Item 8th I give  
unto my Son Noah Perry fifty Acres of Land in Beaufort County -  
Item 9th I give unto my Son John Perry fifty Acres of Land in  
Beaufort County - Item 10th I give unto my Son Amos Perry fifty Acres of Land  
in Beaufort County - Item 11th I give unto my Son Meagah Perry fifty  
Acres of Land in Beaufort County - Item 12th I give unto my  
Son William Perry fifty Acres of Land in Beaufort County -  
Item 13th I give unto my Daughter Crispie Peal fifty Acres of Land  
in Beaufort County - Item 14th After the death of my wife or  
Marriage I give one third of farm to Crispie Peal and one of farm to  
Joe Perry after the death of my wife or marriage and the other third  
of farm to be equalated between my Son Meagah Perry and Miles Perry  
Item 15th I lend unto my wife one white Horse during her life  
time or Widowhood - Item 16th I lend unto my wife all of my  
Household and Kitchen furnature together with all my farming  
utentials during her life time or Widowhood - and after her death  
or marriage to be equally divided between all my children -  
I hereby make and ordain Friend Robert Lanier and my Son  
Noah Perry to this my last Will and Testament as witness I have  
hereunto set my hand and seal

Set - Pardon Perry  
Set - Richard Hodge

William Perry

December Term 1899 The above will duly proved in open Court  
by the Subscribing witness according to Law and ordered to be  
Recorded .

J. M. Webb - C.W.

State of North Carolina  
Martin County }

In the name of God Amen - I Penelope  
Perry being of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this  
my last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz Lypng  
I command my soul into the hands of God my Creator hoping and  
desiring that through the merits of Jesus Christ it will be made  
partaker of everlasting life and my body to the Earth whereof it is  
made - Item I leave all my property in trust to my Son-in-law  
Francis E Ward for the following purposes - The property consisting in  
Household and kitchen furnature - One Slave several head of cattle  
and Hogs except <sup>one</sup> for the use of my Daughter Tillah Gardner during  
her life and at her Death to be equally divided among between her  
Children - I hereby constitute and appoint Francis E Ward Executor