

State of N^o Carolina }
 of Beeklenburg County } This day came before me the underscrib-
 ing Justice for said County. Samuel Davidson & Nathaniel
 Meritt with being duly sworn depose & testify that being in
 company with Elijah Ryan some time before he went to
 South Carolina being sensible of his mortality, & of sound
 sense & memory, did in their presence & requesting them to
 be witnesses if he did not return alive he did order & allow
Joseph & Maxwell to inherit all his Cloaths & other Estate
 sworn to & subscribed by said Dependants This 15th day of
 August 1789 in presence of
 James & Nech. Samuel Davidson
 Nath^l Meritt

Whereas Thomas & N^o Clear being duly sworn depose &
 & testify that Elijah Ryan in life than Heretofore before his
 death told said Dependant that he told them viz
 his neighbours that he would never come back
 & that Joseph & Maxwell to get in the estate
 being small that he had sworn to & subscribed this
 24th day of October 1789 before
 James & Nech. Thomas & N^o Clear

In the name of God Amen. December the tenth 1785 I John
 Russell of Beeklenburg County & Province of N^o Carolina
 being Able & mine my latter end Do appear & declare
 this my last will & Testament, and first of all I give &
 recommend my soul unto God Almighty that gave it & my
 body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent
 Christian burial at the discretion of my Son nothing doubt-
 ing but at the General resurrection I shall receive the
 same again by the mighty power of God Touching such worldly
 Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I
 give & dispose of the same in the following manner & for use
 and first I give & bequeath to my daughter Margret fifty
 pounds Sterling money to be paid & received out of my Estate
 & As^t I have left her to my age & that I leave my Land to my son
 to be possessed by him only my daughter is to have for her