

Executors of this my last Will & Testament, and do hereby setting
under the Hand and seal all & every other Testament, Will or Legacy
bequeath & bequest in me in any way before this time named Will
& bequest, & saying & confirming, thus & none other do be my
last Will & Testament, the Witness whereof I have set my hand
and seal, the day & year above written -

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced & declared
by the said David Bear as his last Will & Testament
in the presence of -

Matthew Cox
John Wilson
John Trench

David Bear { Seal }

In the Name of God Amen. The 18th day of July 1874 I
David Bear of the County of Mecklenburg, State of North Carolina
being sick & weak in body, but of sound mind & memory, and
calling to mind the mortality of my body & desiring that it be
appointed for all men come to die; do make & declare this my
last Will & Testament, And as touching such lawfully estate
whereunto I be with pleased God to bless me in this life, I give
& dispose of the same in the following manner & form viz
After all my legal debts are paid - I give & bequeath
to my well beloved wife Polly all my household furniture
my gray mare & a milch cow - The remainder of my
property to be left under the direction of my Executors
for the purpose of raising my family during my wife's
widowhood or until the all come of age, then the pro-
perty not bequeathed to be sold & equally divided among
my children, but if my wife or children shall not
answer the purpose of raising my family my Executors
are authorized to sell or dispose of him as they think
best for the good of my children -
And I do hereby constitute & appoint my friends

I James Hester Esq & Samuel Stiles my Executors, and do certify
Thomas Greenfield & Joseph M. Pease Guardians over all my child
Oliver; and I do hereby declare that the said Oliver is my last
& lawful Son, & that I am dying, and that I am about to be my last
will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
& seal this 1st day of June 1833 at New York.

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of
John H. Hester Esq & Joseph M. Pease Esq
Thomas Greenfield Esq

In the name of God Amen. I John Black of the County of Mecklenburg
& State of N. Carolina, being in health & sound mind & memory, calling to
mind that it is appointed for all men once to die, to make forth with this my
last will & testament in writing & in manner as follows.

Item first of all I commit my soul unto God who gave it, not out of fear
but trusting that he will receive it on Christ, his Son, through
Jesus Christ, & my body to the church to be buried in a Christian man-
ner at the discretion of my Executors -

Item I allow my great & lawful wife Mary Black, born all the
household & provision she brought here when we were married
and of our time; the Gray Horse, Three Cows & all that is yet due
me from the estate of her son John Hester deceased, her saddle
& bridle & everything wholly worth one third of the plantation
whereon I lived during her husband's life -

Item I will & begeth to my son John Black the plantation whereon
I now live including, & on different parts of the plantation to be
two four & half acres my wife's dower excepted during
her life & after her decease the whole to be my son John
Black & his heirs forever by giving Hester Hallett is three
hundred sixty dollars & my great & grand daughter Martha Black
Ten dollars - Item And all the rest of my property viz
some hundred acres of land in the Western Territories & Virgin
Mary, & all the other property belonging to me of any sort
I will & begeth to my