

...also my right title & interest
of honor for the said ship & every species
of wealth, or belonging to the estate to be by
distance among my two brothers & one sister man
William John & Mary Byrnes either by selling the ship
and dividing the profits or dividing the property
may share & share alike provided at the death
either of the above named Legator without natural death
the above will, & go to the survivors or survivor also
named so much of it as may be left unexpressed
& when it falls into the hands of the last survivor it is
to be at his or his disposal wholly in testimony which
I Samuel Byrnes of my last will & testament in presence of
the to be my last will & testament in presence of
witnesses in the presence of two & each other have
signed set our names this
day of 1591

Robert Sturgeon
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Samuel Byrnes

I James Black of the County of York in the State of
North Carolina having been & now is in a low state of health
and being in God's mercy perfectly sound in mind & memory
do make this or the following distribution of my worldly substance
that is to say 1st I give unto my brother John & my sister
each and dollar one half & I give & bequeath unto my wife
I desire my last & blessing & blessed of, I also wish to be my share
my dear wife & children & I will & bequeath unto my wife
John John & children my land & my farm I will bequeath
Black and sundry dollars to be paid to him when he arrives at
the age of twenty one year with the interest thereon until that time
After my last death all paid I will & bequeath unto my wife
sister & my child together with my land for her support
and sustenance not to be touched or squandered away
unnecessarily during her natural life & after her death
John I will that whatever remains at her decease be
divided & by law or otherwise divided between my children

1st In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 1st day of May 1781

Witness my hand
William Jamison
William Allison

James Clark J. C.

1st In the name of God Amen I David Bowen of Mecklenburg County, S. Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory (Blessed be God) do this fourteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine make and publish this my last will & testament in the manner following that is to wit

I recommend my soul to God who gave it - my body to the earth with a decent funeral at the discretion of my family -
And as to my worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with it is my will that it be disposed of in the manner following (to wit) First that all my debts be paid by my Executors (how ever magnified at most & not less than twenty be approbated by the Court) Secondly I will & bequeath to my beloved son in law of his own a decent maintenance on the plantation which I now live on say the land one acre or more by Survey & for which I have this & a Survey Book for 200 acres in all survey his natural life or well as he shall and no longer the said 200 acres of land I will & bequeath to my two sons John & William to be equally divided between them & also the 50 acres which John said came to his father was bought of Thomas Kinney's part of land in all 200 acres to be divided by men appointed by Court & sworn to say in the quality & quantity both as to upland bottom land and