

In the name of God Amen. The 20th day of December in the
 year of our Lord 1787. I John Reicheard of the County of Man-
 lowburg being sick & weak in body but of perfect mind and
 memory, do hereby bequeath & do therefore calling to mind
 the mortality of my body & desiring that what is appointed
 all men over to die, do make & declare this my last will &
 Testament; That in testimony whereof I have signed with my
 hand & seal the hands of God that gave it, & in my
 body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian
 like & decent manner at the discretion of my Executors not
 doubting but at the general resurrection I shall revive to
 same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching
 such worldly Estate wherewith God hath pleased to bless me
 in this life I give, devise & dispose of the same in the follow-
 ing manner & form Expressed It is my will & I do order
 that in the first place all my just debts & general charge
 in paid & satisfied, Then I give & bequeath to my wife
 one parcel horse & saddle & bed & furniture, as to my
 land & stock & whatever else I possess I leave the use of them
 to my wife & children in order to education that is young
 during her widowhood or death but if they (my children
 hereafter named) should think it for the families advantage
 to sell the land & the other effects sooner they may & shall
 at the value of the whole Estate be equally divided among
 my wife & children my sons William & John & except
 Elizabeth I except from any part of the division only one
 shilling each, my beloved wife Jane & my son David I
 constitute & make & declare my only & sole Executors of
 this my last will & Testament, and do by this my will in-
 volve with all power & right & title in me lies to give &
 Legat to the land when sold, I do hereby positively
 declare, revoke & disannul all other will or Testament
 before this by me made & confirm this alone & no other
 Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day
 & year above written Signed sealed & proclaimed by the
 said John as his last will & Testament in the presence of us the

Witnesses
 Samuel Davis
 Mrs. Deussen
 Robt. Menlow

John Reicheard

St. of N^o Carolina &
 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 Deponents This 15th day of
 August 1789 in presence of
 James C. Heath. Samuel Davidson
 Nath^l Meritt

Whereas Thomas C. H. 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 all the estate
 being small that he had sworn to & subscribed this
 24th day of October 1789 before
 James C. Heath. Thomas C. H.

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 doub-
 ting 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 Margaret fifty
 pounds Sterling money to be paid at & received out of my Estate
 & As^t I have left her to & age & that I leave my Land to my son
 to be possessed by him only my daughter is to have for her