

our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator

Geo Alexander

Joshua Price

George Buchanan

John Simmons

In the name of God amen.

I James Stafford being in health & perfect mind & memory calling to mind the Mortality of my body & that it is appointed for all men one to die, I do constitute this my last Will & Testament, and first of all I commend my spirit unto the hands of God that gave it & my body to be buried in a Christian & decent manner at the discretion of my Heirs & Executors & as touching my worldly Estate, wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I dispose of in the following manner to wit I give and bequeath unto my son James that tract of land he now lies of purchased by me from Morris Moor & likewise fifty acres lying on the west side of Dobbs line, I also bequeath to my daughter Jane a negro girl named Kate—

I also Will & bequeath to my son George all my real and personal Estate he paying my lawful Debts— I also constitute & appoint my Sons James Stafford & George Stafford my Executors to this my last Will & Testament signed sealed & delivered this 21st day of August 1808 In presence of

Robert Harris

James Robb

George Harris

James Stafford

In the name of God Amen.

I Matthew Smith of Mecklenburg County & State of N^o Carolina being at present weak in body but of a sound disposing mind blessed be God! And calling to mind the Mortality of the body & that it is appointed to all men one to die, I do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following viz. First I recommend my soul to God who giveth

and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian
like & decent manner at the discretion of my Exe-
cutors after my death. And as touching such worldly
Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this
life I give & dispose of as follows— I Will that my
Just debts & funeral expenses be all paid as soon
as convenient after my decease— I give & bequeath
unto my beloved wife Molly one third of all my
Landed possessions including the improvements
also all my live Stock except a Colt which I desire
may be kept till the fall of 1844 & then sold & the
proceeds which I will to Delilah Lowrey— And further I except
one feather bed & its furniture which I will to be given to
the said Delilah Lowrey— Also I give & bequeath unto my
said wife all my plantation tools & all other moveable
property except two Cotton Gins & one set of Horse works
which I desire to be sold at the discretion of my Executors
Also that all my present crop be given to my wife for her
support & the support of the Stock except as much corn
& fodder as will feed my Young horse till the first of May
I give & bequeath unto George Chays son of Elijah Chays
seventy three acres of Land being a tract which I lately
bought from Lewis Beard— After my widows third is paid
off according to law I give & bequeath the unto Elijah
Chays all my land from the widows line northward as
far as the line of the tract which is already bequeathed
to his son George— I Will that my beloved wife have
full power over all property left to her by this will to
dispose of it in life or at death as she may see good
except the Land— The Land I give & bequeath after her death
to Matthew Colver Chays or in case of his death to Elijah
Chays junior— I Will that the tract of Land which
I lately bought from Nancy Ann Thompson be sold by my
Executors as soon as convenient after my decease at
their the discretion and the money arising therefrom
with all other monies collected or on hand be used
to pay off all Just debts & the remainder of any bequeathed

to my beloved & affectionate wife for whom I wish all good
And further I do hereby nominate & appoint my true and
Trusty friend Peter Oape Senior to be the Executor of this my
last will & Testament, And I do hereby Abjure & disown all
other & declare this to contain all my will relating to such
matters as are mentioned therein. In Testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 9th day
of November 1813 In the presence of the witnesses

Peter Oape Junr

John Larsen

Matthew Smith



In the name of God Amen. I Margaret Sloan being weak
in body but of sound mind & memory & calling to mind my Mor-
tality & knowing that it is appointed for all to die Do make &
Declare this my last will & Testament; And first I give my soul
to God that gave it me, & as for my body I recommend it to
the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner not
doubting but at the grand resurrection to receive it thro'
the mighty power of the Lord! And as touching such worldly
things as it has pleased God to bless me with I give devise
in the manner & form following; And first it is my will
that all my funeral expenses & first debts be paid
Item I will to William Bigham that now lives with me
my Cupboard & one bed & furniture that he now claims w.
a black & white c. lid & my large Bible & my fire tongs & one
porcelain dish marked B. W. & half dozen pewter plates & one
small pewter basin. Item I will to Cathy Bigham
daughter of William Bighams of Lincoln County my bed &
bedstead & furniture & one calico quilt. Item I will
to Nancy Bigham daughter of William Bighams of
Lincoln County my largest pewter basin
Item I will to Mary Nelson that now lives with me
if she continues to live with me to my decess my other
bed & bedstead & furniture & black mare & one Heifer that
she now claims & one new chark pitaval & one coffee pot
& one glass in money & coffee mill & two tin pans & one