

Item. It is my will & I do allow that before any Division of my total  
estate that all my just & lawful debts & funeral charges be fully  
paid & satisfied. — Item. This is my will & I do allow my brothers  
Samuel Harris & James Harris & my beloved wife Rachel to be my  
Joint Executors of this my last will & Testament, Ratifying this and  
confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testament, In witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July —

Adam 1776 — Signed, Sealed, Declared &

Proclaimed In presence of

Abraham Fetter {

Margaret Gingers {

James Harris ... }

Thomas Harris 

God bless to the above.

Item. It is my will & I do allow that if in case any thing should  
happen that shall render my wife unable or unwilling to support  
& maintain these my three children above mentioned upon the  
receipt of their money, to them will I bequeath that then the  
aforesaid interest shall be reserved for each of them for their use  
when they come of age. — Ratifying & confirming this & nothing else to  
be my last will & Testament, In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand & seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July Anne Domini 1776 —  
Signed, Sealed, Declared & Proclaimed

In presence of

Abraham Fetter {

Margaret Gingers {

James Harris ... }

Thomas Harris 

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Hall of the County of Mecklenburg  
Province of North Carolina, though weak in body, yet through the abundant  
gracious & mercy of God of sound understanding & memory do will & bequeath  
my soul into the hand of God my maker beseeching his most gracious  
acceptance of it Hereto my merits & mediation of my most compassionate  
Redeemer Jesus Christ, therefore my body I recommend it to the earth to be  
buried in a Christian manner without Hell or purgatory at the discretion  
of my here after mentioned executors who I make no doubt will manage it  
with all requisite prudence. — Then I will & positively order my debts to be  
paid.

Item I will bequeath to my loving wife the hundred acres above described her life - time & during of the plantation together with all the books & furniture except what will be here after mentioned, also one horse called Starling, also one mare black Colombe bellied fly, together with her Millican Catt, also three cows & calves her own choosing out of my stock. Two years later Item I do will & bequeath to my dearly beloved son Thomas Hall the plantation wherein I now - dwelt containing between different surveys 100 acres of Land with free privilege to occupy & possess after my decease only to build a house for himself & wife if it is not deemed suitable by his mother for them to live in the house above mentioned, also I will to my son Thomas the book & clothes he has now in possession, also one plow & team, also one pot. Item I will bequeath to my beloved son Thomas Hall one three year old Horse mentioned to him before one grey Mare named Dame two Cows & Calves Black & Dapp. — Item I will bequeath to my beloved son James Hall one plantation on the head waters of Duck Creek containing by two different surveys one hundred & thirty one acres to him & his Heirs forever but if he should die before he is married or without issue then the above plantation to be my son William. — Item I do will bequeath to my beloved son William as I have no more lands that my beloved son Thomas Hall shall pay to his brother William Hall the sum of Thirty pounds per annum as he is at the best place to keep him & support him said William Hall comes to the age of Twenty one years & if my son Thomas should die without issue then the land wherein I now dwell to revert to his two brothers I mean to William Hall by my desired Interests them both & up to me to be Thomas Halls friends. Item I do will & bequeath to my beloved son William Hall one black mare & her Catt two Calves & also Item I do will today bequeath to James Hall one Cow & calf also I do will that my son James & William live with them as other & to supply for them support the old field now out of repair together with the new field next the meeting house & the small piece of ground above the house my wife may have or dispose of as she thinks best & the money arising from a small Vendue I have to be disposed of by my heirs after a reasonable accounting to em as my family they may think proper Item I do will by Bequeath to my beloved son James Hall one Cow & Calf Item I do will to my beloved son

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chosen out of my [www.northcarolinapioneers.com](http://www.northcarolinapioneers.com) Wills. I do will & bequeath to my dearly beloved son Thomas Hall the plantation wherein I now -  
dwell containing two or three different surveys 100 acres of Land with free  
priviledge to occupy & possess after my decease only to build a house for  
himself & wife if it is not deemed suitable by his mother for them to  
live in the house above mentioned, also I will to my son Thomas the  
Book & clothes he has now in possession, also one plow & team, also one pot  
then I will & bequeath to my beloved son Thomas Hall one three year old  
Horse mentioned to him before one George Moore named Dan the Cow & Calf  
Milk & Reps..... — Item, I will & bequeath to my beloved son James  
Hall one plantation on the head waters of Duck Creek containing big trees  
different surveys one hundred & thirty one acres to him & his Heirs forever  
but if he should die before he is married or without issue then the above  
plantation to be my son William. — Item, I do will & bequeath to  
my beloved son William, as I have no more land that my beloved  
son Thomas Hall shall pay to his brother William Hall the sum of  
Thirty pounds, proclamation as he has the last place & by agreement you  
said William Hall comes to the age of Twenty one years & if my son  
Thomas should die without issue then the land wherein I now dwell  
to revert to his two brothers James & William Hall by & by divided  
between them both & up to be Thomas Hall forever. Item I do  
will & bequeath to my beloved son William Hall one black mare &  
one colt two years old also I do will that my son James &  
William live with them no other & to occupy for them support the  
old field now out of repair together with the new field next the mount  
ing house & the 3rd all piece of ground above the house my wife may ever  
or dispose of as she thinks best & the money arising from a small  
Vander I leave to be disposed of by my heirs after a reasonable accounting  
to any of my family they may think proper. Item I do will &  
bequeath to my beloved son John Hall one cow & calf & also  
grub & equipment to my beloved Daugher Elizabeth Williamson &  
Calf & Calf when it may be most convenient to prove them.  
Item, I will & bequeath to my beloved Daugher also a set of clothes the  
sum of five Shillings Sterling, & the sum of Six Pounds now for said child.

to fall into the hands of my executors to be disposed of at their discretion. my wife & two youngest children, and also my son Thomas Hall to possess his 1/3. the farm, in Building a tolerably good dwelling house that is then shall raise & shew the same And lastly I do appoint my Trusty & beloved wife, my dearly beloved Brother James Harris & son James Harris of clear creek to be my executors to order my affairs as I desire. I do hereby utterly disclaim, Mr. & Mrs. Bolles an.

my other former will & Testaments I. & Begun in my lease before mentioned & witness'd by my mother, Mary, & confirming this do no other I. I. my last will & Testament in writing witness'd by him he written in my hand & date this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 1776.

Signed in the presence of,

Naibard Hall {  
Mary Hall }  
James Harris }

Thomas Hall   
C. Martha Hall 

#### Note of the Deposition

Mecklenburg County } This day personally appeared Thomas Elliott of South Carolina before me & made out the above Deed from Drummey Esq. & him the said Deponent being in company with James Heron after he got warning did hear the said Heron being dangerously ill of the said wanted thought proper to make a Will & left him there being no opportunity of putting the same into writing. The contents was as follows to wit That the said James Heron being in his present infirm & imperfect mind & memory constituted John Drummey a citizen of South Carolina to be his executor or donee to settle his worldly affairs & that he the said Heron desired that his eldest child should be sent to his brother Francis Heron. Likewise the youngest child the said Deponent does not just remember but thinks that it was to set Heron's wife, his daughter allow'd his wife to keep his slaves & land to set his affairs should be sold at Vender & if there was any more than discharged his debts, the remainder to be divided to School the Children, except the Horse that he had out with him he noted that his wife

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good shrivelling he made the same  
And lastly I do appoint my trusty & beloved wife, Mary, closely  
beloved Brother James Harris & his son James of clarendon  
to be my executors to settle my affairs as I shall direct  
utterly disallow, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1773. my other former  
will & Testaments I. Begone... my wife before  
mention'd & widow's mother, the copy of confirming this &  
no other to be my last will & Testament. In witness whereof her  
hand & initials set on hands & date this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, in  
the year of our Lord 1776.

Signed in the presence of  
Asa Hall  
Mary Hall  
James Harris

Thomas Hall  
Martha Hall



Act of the Parsonage

Mecklenburg County } This day personally appeared Thomas Elliott  
of South Carolina before me & made unto me John Drayton Esq<sup>r</sup> of  
him the said Defendant being in company with James Herren after he  
got wounded them the said Herren being dangerously ill of the said  
wound thought proper to make a Will with these being no oppor-  
tunity of putting the same into writing. The contents was as  
follows to wit That the said James Herren being in his proper  
sense & perfect mind & memory constituted John Drayton Esq<sup>r</sup>  
of South Carolina to be his Executor or Donecutor to settle his worldly  
affairs & that he the said Herren desired that his eldest child should  
be put to his brother Francis Herren. Likewise the youngest child  
the said Defendant does not just now recollect but thinks that it  
was to Jas Herren, his wife, see likewise below his wife to help  
his daughter ... and to set his affairs should be sold at auction  
& if there was any more than discharged his respective debts  
the remainder to be divided to himself the said Drayton, except  
the Horse that he had out with him he directed that his wife  
have him. Likewise to sell two lots that he had bought in Clarendon  
Yth. which said that he got the lots from Mr. John Day the 20<sup>th</sup>  
August to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1779

Joseph Duglapp