

In the name of God Amen. I William C. Hoffelt of the County
of Northampton & State of N. Carolina, being thro' the abundant
mercies & goodness of God thro' to be in body yet of sound & perfect un-
derstanding & memory, do constitute this my last will & testament
& desire it to be received by all as such; First I most Humbly
bequeath my Soul to God my Mother Breaching his most gracious
mercies of it thro' the all sufficient merits & mediation of Jesus
Christ, & as in accordance to the uttermost all that come unto
God by him; I give my body to the Earth from whence it was taken
in full assurance of its resurrection from thence at the last day
as for my burial I desire it may be decent at the discretion
of my dear wife & Executors hereafter named; As to my worldly
estate I give & bequeath to my dear wife & my last child to be paid
First I give & bequeath to my dear & loving wife that part of
my plantation or estate to I now the selection of the part that
I sold to my brother Robert to have & to hold the same as her own
property & to dispose of as she may see fit together with the whole
of the household furniture that I am possessed of likewise one
horse or mare & two cows, allowing her choice of all my stock, & all
farming utensils such as may be needed for the use of the plan-
tation & likewise one half of my stock of sheep & hogs, as to the part
of my plantation that I have sold to my brother to be & if he keeps the
land agreeable to me say, but when I desire that money to my
beloved wife fifty pounds of the price of said land, and that my Executors
make to him a bill for said land, & that if he does not keep the land
that I then my wife & I shall be what may appear to be the value
of the improvement that has been made on said land, I likewise
give & bequeath to my brother Robert the whole of my wearing
apparel, I likewise give & bequeath to my brother John the money
in full that he owed me in consequence of & to be paid for him
by my the remaining part of my estate I order as soon as may be
convenient after my decease to be sold at public sale & after all
my debts are paid whatever may remain to be equally divided betwixt
my wife & two & sixes Margaret & Alexander & John & William

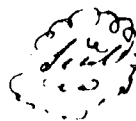
Sarah Melie that is now living with us. And she constituted Abraham Alexander & Robert Mack Executors of this my last will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this third day of September in the year of our Lord 1800.

William Pickens

William Shields

William Bodkin

William Hoffelt



In the name of God Amen, I William Merchant, being lawfully of full age and perfect sound mind & Judgment, but calling to mind the mortality of my body & that it is appointed for all men once to die, have made & appointed this my last will & Testament, hereby revoking & making void all other wills by me made or done to all intents & purposes as if they had never been made or done; and first I recommend myself to God that gives it hoping for mercy thro' the merits & righteousness of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ; And I recommend my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors in a Christian & decent manner in hopes of a glorious resurrection at the day of general Judgment, And I will that all my lawful debts be paid; And next I will & bequeath to my loving wife Jane Merchant her share of this land on which I now live & after my wife's death I will & appoint that my son William Smith Merchant shall have the whole of the Land & also immediately after my wife's share of Land is laid off as said, that said William Smith Merchant when of full age shall have the full use & Benefit of the remainder & further that said William Smith Merchant shall have twenty five acres that Thomas Kirkpatrick has promised to make me a check for out of the fifty acres, said Thomas entered for himself & me if said Thomas Kirkpatrick obtains a patent for the same, & I will & appoint that the said Thomas Kirkpatrick make a deed to said William Smith Merchant in said Merchants own name, but if said land is lost by any means so that said William Smith doth not nor cannot obtain a deed for the same I appoint & will that said Wm Smith Merchant shall not lay any claim to the remainder of my Estate either real or personal but shall lose the Land & its value, And next I will unto my son Lincolnd. Merchant