

On the 15th day of July 1831

Signed Sealed and

Executed in presence of

Ach^t Black

c. Malcolm Blue

As

A. M. C. Patterson



St. Louis County Court May Term 1831

This Will being duly proven in Open Court by the Oath of
Malcolm Blue and Achibelle Black Subscribing Testifiers
thereto and Oath'd to be Prov'd, and Sworn before the
Executor there in hand it was duly Proved according to Law

C. M. Dowd Clerk

THOMAS Maples my Will

In the name of God Amen

Thomas Maples of the County of St. Louis and State of North
Carolina being now in delicate State of Health in Body but of
but of Sound Mind and Memory and having to consideration
the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is Appointed
for all men to die to Water publish and declare this as
My last Will and Testament touching all the worldly
Substance with which it has pleased God to bless me
in this life I will give bequeath and divide of the same
in the following manner to w^mth in the first place I give
and bequeath unto my beloved Son Thomas Maples the
Whole of my Real Estate as in other words the Whole of my
Lands it being the place whereon I now live to him and
his use and his heirs forever I will give and bequeath unto
to My aforesaid son Thomas Maples My Negro boy John
and My woman Patsy together with all their Children
she shall or may hereafter have to him his use and
benefit forever 3^o I will give and bequeath unto my a
foresaid son Thomas My Coffe gun which I have at
Home at present to him and his heirs forever.

4^o Having therday given My Son Nathan Maples his equal
share and portion of Land I shall therefore give him none
now but I will give and bequeath unto my beloved Son
Nathan Maples My Negro Man Penny and Negro

Thomas Maples wife

Gibraltar son and his uses and his heirs forever

5^o I will give and bequeath unto my wife Maria a sum of One hundred Dollars
one thousand Dollars at present in North Carolina at my Brother John
Maples if he is not dead if he is not such Money as can be gotten
out of his estate remain his heirs forever 6^o I will give and bequeath
unto my grand daughter Mary Dawson the sum of forty Dollars
to be given her in Money to her and her heirs forever 7^o I will
give and bequeath unto my aforesaid grand daughter Mary Dawson
one bed and Bed clothing as at present belong to it to her and her
use forever 8^o I will give and bequeath unto Sarah Dawson
eldest daughter of my said grand Daughter Mary Dawson one
cow and Calf to her and her heirs forever 9^o I will give and
bequeath unto my grand Daughter Nancy Waddell one Cow
to her and her heirs forever 10^o I will give and bequeath
unto my house keeper Elizabeth Johnson the sum of forty Dollars
in Money to be given her for and in Consideration of her past & past
attention to my House hold affairs for and in Consideration of the
same fidelity I will give and bequeath unto my aforesaid
house keeper Elizabeth Johnson one bed and furniture also
one Cow and Yearling to her and her heirs forever

11^o I will and desire that my Estates herein after named shall
immediately after my death as soon & expeditious by law proceed to
sell all the balance of my Estates not otherwise disposed of
and settle all debts due to me and pay all those which I may
owe to others and after paying off my Debts and such
Monies as are herein before named then should their be any
balance of Money still remaining in the hands of my Executors
I will and desire that it be equally divided between my two Sons
Thomas and Nathan Maples my grand daughter Mary
Dawson and my house keeper Elizabeth Johnson to them
and their uses forever 12^o I will and desire that my
beloved friend Susan M. McDonald be Executor to this
My last Will and Testament and I do hereby nominate
trustee and appoint my aforesaid friend Susan M.
McDonald sole Executor to this my last Will and
Testament and do hereby revoke and make void

807. Thomas Maples Will

All former Wills and testaments by me heretofore made and ratify and confirm this and no other in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of the under signed witnesses this 28th day of October in the year of our Lord 1831.

Attest

Gormain McDonald Thomas ^{his} Maples ^{dead}
Duncan McLean mark

Moor County Court Nov. Term 1831

The above will was duly proven in Open Court by the Oath of Gormain McDonald and Duncan McLean Subscribing to the same and ordered to be record - John McDonald

THOMAS ROWAN'S Will

In the Name of God Amen. Thomas Rowan being very weak in body but of sound Mind and disposing Memory Considering the Mortality of my body do execute and make the following disposition of my worldly Effects as my last Will and Testament. Item first. I will and desire that my Beatrix herein after named shall sell the plantation on which I now live in such Credit as she may deem Advisable and Advantageous to my Estate. and all the rest of my purchasable property. Item second. I will and desire that all my just debts be paid out of the Money arising from the Sale of my Landy purchasable property collection of debts which are due and owing me and that the remainder be apportioned in the hands of my Executrix for her disposal and to raise and educate my children - Item 3. I will and desire that my Dearly beloved wife Elizabeth Rowan take all my Negroes in her possession and have the same Annually as she may deem Advisable for her own Support and the Support & Education of my children. Tales Simpson & Ruth or one of them, proper to purchase some small Convenient plantation wherever she may

Thomas Rowans Will

Print proper either in or Out of this State for the purpose, so the said wife enabling her self to support herself and children and to Educate the same. Item 4. My will and desire is that upon the death of my beloved longer than the Negroes with their increase and any other funds arising from leasing or otherwise is to equally divided among the Children Isaac Rowan. Julia L. Rowan. William J. Rowan and any Child which may hereafter be born share and have a like or the largest share of Part or other of said Children. Item 5. I will and desire my Executrix herein after named to execute a bill of sale to my daughter Mary Kelly to the Negro girl Maria who is now in her possession. and Shirley Rowan and Appoint my widow wife Elizabeth Rowan sole Executrix to this my last will and testament. Intertaining whereof I hereunto set my hands and seal the 20th October 1831 -

John McDonald

Thomas Rowan

John McDonald

GORMAN GILLIS WILL

State of North Carolina Moore County - We the subscribers do hereby certify that on the first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and thirty one we and each of us were specially called or requested by Gormain Gillis at his own late dwelling house in Moore County and in the time of his life Subsug'd to bear witness to the following statement made by him as his last will and testament. I wish all my property to remain with my wife Sarah her Lifetime for her to deal out to my children according to their need as I have done. and I want those two boys heir to have the land after their Mothers death and for them to pay Each of them one Hundred Dollars. We therefore certify the above to be the last will and desire of the said Gormain Gillis deceased in witness whereof we have unto set our hands as Subscribers this the 13th August 1831 - We further certify that the said Gillis departed this life on the 7th of August 1831

Lawson Morrison
John Morrison
Archibald