

In The Name of God ,Amen. I Benjamin Merritt of ^{Nash}County in North Carolina being sick and weak of body yet of ^{perfect}~~proper~~ sense and memory thanks be to God and on consideration that life and sense is uncertain do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament vis;

I give and reccommend my soul into that of god that gave it an my body I reccommend to the earth at the discretion of my executors as to my worldly ^{ly} estate.

I give, demise, bequeath and dispose of the same in the following manner viz:

Item: I give and bequeath to my son William Merritt One Hundred & forty acres of land lying on the south side of swift creek beginning at a tall pin on the Creek then up the new Road at a pin at the corner of the fence then direct course to the Road crosses Garles Branch then up Garles Branch to the head line then down my line to the creek.

Item: I give to my son Henry Merritt a tract beginning two hundred yards below the corner pineon William Merritt Line then direct course to the out line also hundred & ten acres lying in the fork of Beach run and the Redy fork.

Item: I give to my son Benjamin Merritt the remainder of my land and plantation which I have not already willed away.

Item: I lend the use of my son Benjamin Merritt Plantation to my wife during her life also I give to my wife the Lady Marx and Colt and one Bed & furniture and four cows and calfs and ten Head of hogs and the crop of corn and the pets and peeler and all the wheats and cards and loom. I leave the remainder of my estate to be sold and to be equally divided between my two daughters Lastly I appoint my wife Sarah Merritt executor ~~as~~ my son William and Richard Mannen executors of my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed and delivered as my
last will and testament
Lewis ^{Dorch}
Isaac ^X Newsome

his
Benjamin X Merriett (Seal)
mark

mark
Sarah ^X Cammel
mark
Nash County

January Court 1779

The above will was in open court duly proved by the oaths of Lewis Dorch and Isaac Newsome ~~two~~ subscribing witnesses and the executor therein named qualified according to law.

4 Attest Wm Hall, C.C.

In The Name of God, Amen. November 16th One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Eight.

I, Frederick Wells of Nash County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and sound memory calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

Item: I give and bequeath unto my brother Joshua Wells my legacy or part of ^{that} land my father gave me.

Item: I give unto my brother Solomon all my parisable estate to him and his heirs forever.

I do hereby appoint Joseph Crowell Executrixs of this my last will and testament and revoking all former wills and testaments heretofore made or ordain and do publish and pronounce this as my last will and testament. Signed sealed and published and pronounced in

the presence of J
Jeannet Robins

mark
Barbary Pope

mark

NASH COUNTY JANUARY COURT, 1779

his
Frederick Wells (Seal)
mark

The above will was exhibited in open court and proved by the oath of John Robins a subscribing witness thereto which is ordered to be recorded.

Attest Wm Hall, C.C.

In The Name of God , Amen. I Nathan Whitehead of Nash County and State of North Carolina being in perfect health and sound memory, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye do upon most mature deliberation constitute this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis: I give and devise to my son Nathan Whitehead the land and plantation whereon I now dwell containing by estimation two hundred acres also a tract of land on Nawkawson Creek, containing by estimation Three Hundred and twelve acres also another tract or parcel of land adjoining the land whereon I now live containing by estimation Three hundred and forty five acres to him and his heirs and assigns forever. I likewise give him three negroes viz, Lake , Jinney and Ralph, also a still worm and cap to his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to Nathan Whitehead son of Thos. Whitehead a negro girl named Phillis to him and his heirs forever. Lastly, I lend to my wife Rachael all the rest of my goods and effects whatsoever, during her life or widowhood but at her decease or marriage then the said goods and effects to be equally divided among my children, to wit, Benjamin Whitehead, Thomas Whitehead,, Rhoda Nickolson ~~property and land aforesaid~~ ^{Phenety Sandiford}, Chloe Cul pepper, Isabel Bell, Mary Sandiford and Henry Whitehead. I likewise constitute and appoint Rachael my wife and my son Thos Whitehead to be executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I hereunder set my hand and seal this twentieth day of March, 1779 thousand seven hundred and seventy eight.

In the presence of

Nathan Whitehead (Seal)

Arthur Arrington
her

Martha x Arrington
mark her

Elizabeth x Arrington
mark

NASH COUNTY

APRIL COURT 1779

The within will was in open court duly exhibited and proved by the oath of Arthur Arrington and ordered to be recorded.

Attest Wm Hall, C.C.