

In The Name of God, Amen. The first day of November, 1776.

I, William Lassiter, of the county of Edgecombe for the province of North Carolina, being weak but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament as followeth that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hand of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent christian manner at the discretion of my executors and as touching such worldly estate where with it hath pleased god to bless me within this life I give and demise in the following manner and form.

Item: I give and bequeath, to my wife my horse and saddle and all my house hold stuff, corn and hogs. I lend my negroe girl Mareaver during her life and after her decease to Willis Powell and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to Burrell Whitehead my negroe boy Luke to him and his heirs for ever and the rest of my estate besides what pays of debts I leave to my sister Martha Snipes as she is thought to want it for support. I also make and ordain and Willis Powell sole executor of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills and testaments before made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, published and pronounced to be the said William Lassiter last will and testament in presence of us.

William Lassiter (Seal)

Witness:  
Nicholas Skinner  
Sarah <sup>her</sup> Barnes  
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NASH COUNTY, APRIL COURT 1778.

The above will was in open court duly proved by the oath of Nicholas Skinner a witness thereto who swerethat he saw Sarah Barnes subscribed the same as an evidence of the execution therein, named, qualified according to law which is ordered to be recorded.

Attest Wm Hall, C.C.

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In The Name of God, Amen.

I, Eliz. Rose of the County of Edgecombe and Province of North Carolina being weak in Body but of proper sense and memory do therefore make and ordain this to be my last will and testament. In manner following. viz:

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Edward Clinch and his heirs forever my plantation and tract of land adjoining to the land where I now live containing three hundred & Fifty acres lying and being in the County & Province aforesaid, One the south side of Swift Creek and bounded as followeth: viz. Beginning at a white oak Col. William Whiteheads corner, thence along his line south 330 poles to a pine, Thence south 160 pole to the cr. of two black oaks and a pine, Thence north 330 poles to a corner Jeremiah Williams line to a maple in the swamp. Thence west along the creek to the first station.

I also give and bequeath to my son Edward Clinch my negroes Judith and

Jean to him and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my son Edward my Negroe George who is now in his possession. Eliz. Rose. I also give and bequeath to my son Edward Clinch Fifty pounds Virginia currency and a bed and furniture.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Joseph John Clinch and his heirs forever. The plantation, tract or parcel of land whereon I now live by me purchased of William Bellamy containing Four Hundred and Fifty acres lying and being in Edgecombe County and province aforesaid being bounded as followeth viz: Beginning at the mouth of a little Branch at a white oak on the creek side, thence south 268 poles to the corner of two pines and a black oak. Thence west 268 poles to a pine, thence north 200 poles to the corner of two mulberrys and a gum on the creek side, Thence the meanders of the creek to the first station. I also give and bequeath to my son Joseph John Clinch my negroes Jeffrey, Cain, Pegg and Rachell to him and his heirs forever. In case my son Joseph John Clinch should die without issue I give and bequeath said land above mentioned to my son Edward Clinch.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Bellamy the wife of William Bellamy one mahogany table, one large looking glass and twenty five pounds virginia currency.

Item: I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Elizabeth Clinch ten pounds virginia currency.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Joseph John Clinch all the remainder of my estate after my legacys are paid.

Item: I do hereby ordain, constitute and appoint my son, Edward Clinch & my son Joseph John Clinch, my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and afixed my seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Four.

Signed in the presence of

Eliz<sup>e</sup> Rose

James W. Neele  
Lenor Mack  
mark

Nathan Atkinson proved  
Richard Manning  
Benjamin Merritt proved.  
Nash County

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July Court 1778

The within will was in open court duly proved by the oath of Nathan Atkinson and Benjamin Merritt at the same time the Executor therein named qualified according to law and to be registered.

Attest Wm Hall, C C