

I likewise constitute, make and ordain Mr. Roger Moore Esq and Mr. George Moore Esq my sole executors of this my last Will and Testament; and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former, Wills and Testaments, Legacies and Requests and Executors, by me in any way before named, written and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

Test ^{his}
Thomas C. Devane
March
Matthew & Harry
March
Tho: Corbett

William C. Reiley
^{his}
March

March 13rd 1744. Proved before me Just

C. Moreley. C. Just

In the name of good Credit. I Alexander Ross of Wilmington in the Province of North Carolina, Sailor, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind, memory and understanding do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

First of all. It is my will and desire that all my just debts, funeral expenses be well and duly paid and satisfied; and in order to enable my Executors to discharge my said debts, and to prevent my estate being torn to pieces after my decease, I do hereby require them to collect my debts with all convenient speed.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth Ross and to her heirs and assigns forever, all my estate that I shall die possessed of both real and personal to her only and sole use benefit and behoof forever,

And I hereby nominate and appoint my said wife Executrix, and my friends John Burgwin and Henry Toomee of Wilmington Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills or wills by me heretofore made, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of May A.D. 1744.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Alexander Ross, as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Testator and in the presence of each other,

Alexander Ross. Seal

Jno Jones

Wm Gregory

Mary Higgins

Brunswick, N.C.

The within last Will and Testament of Alexander Ross deceased, was duly proved before me the eleventh day of July, anno Domini 1767, by the oaths of Mary Higgins one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who swore that she saw the Testator sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be and contains his last Will and Testament, and that at the time thereof, he the testator, according to the best of her knowledge and belief, was of sound and disposing mind and memory.

Wm. Saylor

at September Court 1767.

Henry Saylor qualified in open Court as Executor, to the within Will agreeable to law. Ordered that letters testamentary issue thereon accordingly.

Test.

John London. C. t.

In the name of God Amen. I Am Ross of New Hanover County in the Province of North Carolina, widower, being weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory (thanks be to God) do make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.
First. I bequeath my soul unto God in full confidence of the effectual mediation of my Redeemer Jesus Christ. As to my body, I desire to be buried in such place and manner, as my Executors herein after named shall think proper and as to my worldly estate I dispose thereof as follows, that is to say in the first place, I desire that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid and that as soon as conveniently may be done.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved son Walter Ross and his heirs and assigns forever, the tract of land or plantation wherow Snow dwelt, called Springfield containing by estimation six hundred and forty acres. Also that tract or plantation on the Sowee called Hodgson's, whereon I formerly resided, with the tract of land thereto adjoining, which was bought of Col William Dray; the said tracts containing by estimation about one thousand acres of land, likewise give to my said son at his age of twenty one years my negro slaves, Peash and little Bill, and my gold watch, and the locket which were his father William Ross Esq; but in case of the death of my said son Walter, before he attains his age of twenty one years, I in like manner, give the said negroes Peash and little Bill and the said watch and locket to my beloved daughter Susannah Ross at her age of twenty one years; and in case of her death before her age of twenty one years, and her brother, Walter's death before his age of twenty one years, then I desire that the same be delivered to my