

Brunswick Sp.

The within last Will and Testament of Alexander Ross deceased, was duly proved before me this eleventh day of July 1767. by the oath 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 contain 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. Tryon

at September Court 1767.

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

Test.

John London. C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I Anna Ross of New Hanover County in the Province of North Carolina, Widow, 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.

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I do hereby certify that I am in full confidence of the effectual mediation of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ. And 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 expences and all my debts be paid and that as soon as conveniently may be done.

Then, I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved son Walter Ross and his heirs and assigns forever, the tract of land or plantation whereon I now dwell, called Springfield containing by estimation six hundred and forty acres. Also that tract or plantation on the Sound called Hodgson's, whereon I formerly resided, with the tract of land thereto adjoining, which was bought of Col William Dry; the said tracts containing by estimation about one thousand acres of land. I likewise give to my said son at his age of twenty one years my negro slaves, Luash and Little Will, and my gold watch, and the locket which were his fathers 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 Luash and Little Will 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

beloved sons John Moseley, Sampson Moseley, James Moseley, Thomas Moseley, and William Moseley, to be equally divided between them.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved daughter Susannah Rofs, and her heirs forever, the tract of land or plantation on the Sound nearly opposite Cabbage Inlet containing six hundred and forty acres also I give to my said daughter, and her heirs forever, a tract of land lying upon the head branches of Buzzards Creek, in New Hanover County, which I bought of Green. I also give to my said daughter, at her age of twenty one years, my negro slaves Simon, Isaac and Staniel, also my gold watch, locket and rings; and in case of her death before her age of twenty one years or marriage, I give the said slaves, watch, locket and rings to my son aforesaid Walter Rofs, at his age of twenty one years; and in case he dies before his age of twenty one years, I give the said slaves, watch, locket and rings to my sons John Moseley, Sampson Moseley, James Moseley, Thomas Moseley and William Moseley, to be equally divided between them.

I also give to my said daughter, Susannah all my wearing apparel except three new shifts and four caps, and my purple gown which I give to Mr. Hervey, and except three other new shifts, four caps, and my striped gown, which I give to Polly Hervey daughter of William Hervey. I give, devise and bequeath that my said daughter, Susannah, be sent to her sister, Mrs. Mary Beal of South Carolina to be and remain with her, under her direction and government until she shall attain the age of thirteen years, if my Executors shall find it convenient, so to be.

Item. I give to my beloved sons John Moseley, Sampson Moseley, James Moseley, Thomas Moseley, and William Moseley, fifty pounds proclamation money, a price to be paid in produce; and to my said ^{son} John Moseley I give his fathers mourning ring, and the ostrich egg, and request him to leave at his death the said ring to his brother, William Moseley, and the ostrich egg to his brother, Walter Rofs.

Item. I give to Mr. William Rofs of South Carolina and to Mrs. Mary Beal of the same place, to each a ring of the value of three guineas.

Item. I give to the Honorable James Hazell Esq and to Mrs. Sophia Hazell to each a ring of the value of three guineas in token of my respect and affection for them.

Item. To Samuel Ashe Esq and Mrs. Elizabeth Ashe, I give to each a ring of the value of three guineas in testimony of my friendship for them; and hope and request Mr. Ashe will be so kind and friendly to them; and hope and request Mr. Ashe will be so kind and friendly to advise and admonish my said son and daughter, Walter Rofs and Susannah Rofs, upon all occasions whenever he shall think necessary.

Item. It is my will and direction that my slaves be worked on any of my lands, as my Executors shall think to be for the most advantage

for my children Walter, Ross and Susannah Ross, who are to be edu-
 cated and maintained out of the profits of my estate, and it is
 my desire that Springfield plantation and houses be kept in separate
 my son Walter, Ross shall attain the age of twenty one years.
 them. The following slaves, Will, Billy, besay, Sampson, Bob, Charles
 West, Prince, Boston Prince, Jonathan, Gabriel, Shup, Sandy, Abram,
 West, Jimmy, Die, Kate, Kate, Nancy, Phillis, Molly, Pansy, Flora,
 Abigail, Maria, Lucy, Rose and Peg; together, with all my plates
 and with all the residue of my estate of what kind soever, I
 give to my son Walter, Ross and my daughter, Susannah Ross, to
 be equally divided between them; but if they shall both die before
 the age of twenty one years, then the same to be equally divided
 between my sons John Moseley, Sampson ^{Moseley} Moseley, Tho^r Moseley,
 and William Moseley, and the survivors of them.
 them. To my daughter, Ann Monroe, I give one shilling sterling, as a
 remembrance of her unatiful behaviour to me, which has been
 occasion of great sorrow and affliction to me.
 Lastly, I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved sons
 John Moseley, Sampson Moseley and William Moseley, Executors
 of this my last Will and Testament, and I hereby revoke and make
 void every other and former Will heretofore by me made, declaring
 and publishing this only to be my last Will and Testament.
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 I have hereunto set my hand and seal the
 twenty eighth day of August A.D. one thousand seven hundred and
 seventy

Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced
 and declared by the said Ann Ross
 as her last Will and Testament.
 the word "son" on the twenty third
 line from the top of the second page,
 and the word "Moseley" in the fif-
 teenth line from the top of the third
 page, being both first interlined before
 us - Witnesses
 John Ashe. Henry Johnston. Geo. Porter,

Ann Ross. *Seal*

New Hanover County The within last Will and Testament of Ann
 July Court 1777 Ross was exhibited in open court and proved agree-
 able to law by John Ashe senior signed a subscribing
 witness thereto, who swore that he saw the testator sign, seal, publish, and declare
 the same to be her last Will and Testament, and that he believes she was of sound
 and disposing mind and memory at the time she signed the same. Also that
 Henry Johnston and John Porter, signed at the same time as concurring witnesses
 thereto.

Thos. McClaine. C. Ck