

New Hanover, September, Court 1776

The execution of the within will proved on the oath of Adam and Thaddeus a subscribing evidence thereto who swore that he saw the Testator sign, seal, publish, execute and deliver the within as his last will and Testament in due form of law. And at the same time Thomas Corbett qualified as Executor, to the same agreeable to law. Ordered that letters testamentary, issued thereon accordingly.

Letters issued Decr 15th 1776

John London.

In the name of God Amen. I Anthony Bourdeaux of the County of New Hanover and Province of North Carolina being very sick and weak, but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God, calling unto 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, that is to say,

First of all. I give and recommend my soul into the hands of the Almighty God that gave it me and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner, and form:

First. I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Priscilla Bourdeaux the third part of all my personal estate and to peaceably enjoy my house and plantation and all privileges pertaining to the same during her natural life or widowhood; and also I give and bequeath to my eldest son Anthony, the one half of my land the upper part including my plantation after his mother's decease or widowhood. Also I give and bequeath to my second son James the lower half of the said land. Also I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Martha one shilling sterling. Also I give and bequeath to my sons Peter and Daniel that tract of land laying the West side of Long Creek to be equally divided between them.

also I give and bequeath to my three youngest sons John, Isaac and Isaac a certain tract of land laying in Duplin County on the north side of Rockfish Creek,

And after my just debts is all paid, the remainder of my estate to be appraised and divided between my daughter Priscilla Larkin and my youngest daughter Ann Bourdeaux in proportion with my sons, and the remainder of my estate to be equally divided between three of my sons, according to their several disadvantages in the law before mentioned; and I do hereby utterly disavow, revoke & disannul all and every other former, testament, wills, legacies, bequests and executors, ratifying and confirming this and no other, to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven,

Signed, sealed, published,

renounced and declared by

the said Anthony Bourdeaux

as his last will and testament

in the presence of us, who in his

presence and in the presence of

each other have here so subscribed

our names,

Test,

Moses Hasbrouck

Peter ^{his} Lamb

mark

I also appoint and ordain

my well beloved wife and my

friends James Larkin & Timothy

Woodworth my sole executor

of this my last Will & Testament

August 14. 1767

To all before whom this shall come, is to give notice and declare, there being a small mistake in my last Will & Testament, it came to my mind to alter and rectify that small mistake, being in my perfect senses and right understanding, not disavowing my Will only to alter this small part which is concerning the tract of land in Duplin, that it may be sold immediately or any time when proper for the benefit of the said three sons and which is mentioned in my Will, to their and only their use therefore I do hereby empower my well beloved son James Larkin to make sale of the said land as he shall see best for their use and benefit. In witness my hand and seal this 4th day of August 1767

Anthony Bourdeaux (Seal)

Anthony Bourdeaux Jr.

James Bourdeaux