

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover, County }

Before me Jonathan Dumbilin
one of the Justices for the County, aforesaid personally appeared ch^{rs} Easter, Thayer, and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth and saith, that about nine years ago, this deponent was sent for, by Sarah Williams (grandmother, to Mary Earle daughter, of John Earle, house carpenter) who being very weak, and low in body, but of sound, disposing mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, requested I should take notice, that it was her Will and desire, that her grand daughter, Mary Earle should have after her decease, one feather bed and bedding, one pewter dish and six pewter plates, one pewter bason, one copper tea kettle, and one iron pot, which articles were then in the possession of John Earle - and further saith not.

Taken and sworn to this
7th Sept 1779. before me
Jonathan Dumbilin

Easter, & Thayer,
marks,

Deposition of Esther Thayer, relative to the last Will of Sarah Williams, grandmother, of Mary Earle, delivered into Court April Term 1779. by Thomas Thayer, guardian of Mary Earle a minor,

North Carolina, In the name of God Amen.

I Anthony Ward of Wilmington in New Hanover, County, being weak, in body, but of sound, disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, revoking all other, and former, Wills by me heretofore made.

Imprimis. I recommend my soul to God and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors.
Item. I give and bequeath unto my wife Jane Ward, as long as she may live (after the decease of my mother in law Hannah Dumbilin) my house and lot adjoining to ch^{rs} Gregory's, also my negroe wenches Pat & blue, and all my plate & household furniture (except one feather bed which I leave to my son George) and it is my desire that my servant, Susannah Dyer, and her son Dyer, be at the disposal of said wife during her life. I leave my said wife my horse and riding chain, and all my cattle, to be disposed of as she may think proper, when

my said wife Jane Ward, all the goods I may have in my state at the time of my decease, to go towards the subsistence of my family.

It is further, my will and desire that my plantation on the Sound be sold by my Executors hereafter named, and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my wife Jane Ward and my three daughters Hannah, Jane and Catharine Ward, share and share alike.

I give and bequeath to my wife Jane Ward and my three daughters Hannah, Jane and Catharine Ward, to be paid them immediately after my decease, the sum of one thousand pounds current money, to be divided between them share and share alike, and I do hereby appoint my said wife Jane Ward sole guardian of such of my daughters as are not of the age of twenty one years, and that their share of money and other things mentioned in this my will, be at her disposal, till they respectively arrive to the age of twenty one years or marry, whichever may first happen.

I give and bequeath to my three daughters Hannah, Jane and Catharine Ward, after the decease of my wife Jane Ward, my negro wenches Pat and Blod with their increase, also all my plate and household furniture, to be divided among them share and share alike. I also give and bequeath to my said three daughters 440 acres of land in Rowan County lying on Kings river, (a deed for it to be made to me by Wm. Bost) one hundred acres of land lying on Black river (a deed to be made by John Marshall) which lands may be disposed of by my Executors hereafter named, should they think proper, and the money arising therefrom to be divided among them share and share alike.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter, a negro girl named Philloughby, to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter, Jane Ward a negro woman named Venus, to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter, Catharine Ward a negro boy named Pingie, to her and her heirs forever.

And it is my further will and desire that if either of my daughters should die before marriage, that the share allotted her by this my will, shall go to the survivors of them.

I give and bequeath to my son Frederick Ward, a lot in Wilmington adjoining Mr. Burgwin, 400 acres Land in Duplin County, 400 acres of land in Brunswick County, half of 746 acres of land on the widow Moore's creek, one negro boy named Belford, and three thousand pounds current money to be paid him out of my outstanding debts, to him his heirs

and assigns forever, reserving the liberty to my Executors to dispose of any of the above mentioned lands out of town provided they should think it for the benefit of my said son and the money arising from the sale to be employed for his benefit.

I give and bequeath to my son Anthony Ward (after the decease of his mother) a house and lot adjoining St^h Gregory's, I also give and bequeath to him half of 746 acres of land on the Widow Moore's Creek, 400 acres of land on Long Creek adjoining Mr Laskins, 200 acres of land on the Island opposite Wilmington, a lot in Wilmington below Du Bois Mule, a lot joining Mr John Walther, one negro boy named Betty and one thousand pounds in money, to him his heirs and assigns forever, reserving the liberty to my Executors hereafter named to dispose of any of the said lands out of town, provided they should think it to the benefit of my said son, and the money arising from the sale to be employed for his benefit.

And further after my just debts are paid, I give and bequeath to my wife Jane Ward, and my three daughters Hannah, Jane and Catharine Ward, all the rest and residue of my estate real and personal whatsoever, and wheresoever it may be found, that is not herein before bequeathed.

And lastly. I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Anne Ward Executors, and my friends Jonathan Dumbibunt Frederick Jones, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Witness my hand and seal this 23rd Feb^y 1779.

Signed, Sealed and Acknowledged
by the Testator to be and contain
his last Will and Testament, in
presence of

Anthony Ward Sen^r

Alexander Hostler,
James Geckie
Henry Hooks

New Hanover County }
October Term 1779 }

The within annexed last Will and Testament of Colonel Anthony Ward was exhibited in Court and proved by the oath of Alex^r Hostler, a subscribing witness thereto, who swore that he saw the Testator sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be and contain his last Will & Testament and that he believes he was of sound and disposing mind and memory - Also that James Geckie esquire and Henry Hooks signed at the same time as concurring witnesses thereto.

The Maclains

These may certify, that Mrs. Anne Ward has qualified as an Executor to the annexed Will of Col. Anthony Ward, agreeable to law, before me this 21st day of July, 1783.
 Geo. Walker. J.P.

These may certify, that Jonathan Dumbibin has qualified as an Executor, to the annexed Will of the late Mr. Anthony Ward agreeable to law, this 15th Decr 1784, before me
 Geo. Ferguson. J.P.

In the name of God Amen. I William Wilkinson of Wilmington in the State of North Carolina Esquire, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make this my last Will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say—
 I will and desire that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and discharged as soon as conveniently may be after my decease—
 Item. I give and bequeath to my brother Robert Wilkinson of Duplin County, my negro man Tom now in his possession, my negro man book, and the debt he now owes me, together with all my wearing apparel, a walnut table and six walnut chairs—
 Item. I give bequeath and devise to my nephew William Wilkinson son of my said brother Robert, my house and lot in the town of Wilmington near the Church, and now in possession of George Jacobs, and also three acres of land upon the Island opposite Wilmington (purchased from John Morris) situated next above Mr. Herons lot; and further, I will and bequeath to my said nephew William Wilkinson the sum of two thousand Spanish milled dollars which if paid to him in a depreciated currency, my will is that he should receive as much of such currency as will be equal in value to so much specie, to be paid him when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, or day of marriage which shall first happen—
 Item. To each of the other children of my said brother, ^{Robert} I give the sum of five hundred pounds payable when each shall respectively attain the age of twenty one years or day of marriage which shall first happen—
 Item. To William Macclaine son of Archibald Macclaine Esq. I give the sum of five hundred pounds, to be paid to him when he shall attain the age of twenty one years—
 Item. To Elizabeth Macclaine wife of Archibald Macclaine Esq. I give the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds for her sole and separate use—
 Item. To the Reverend Mr James Tate, I give the sum of five pounds