

Last Will and Testament of Charles Howard was exhibited in Court, and proved by the oath of Florence M. Carthy, who swore he saw Charles Howard deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that Morgan Tracy and Joseph Tilly signed at the same time as co-verifying witnesses to the same.

New Hanover
County Court }
April 1777

Thos. McClaine. C. Clk.

In the name of God Amen. I Berrier Stead, of the town of Wilmington in the County of New Hanover, North Carolina being through the abundant mercy of God, though weak in body, yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory, do constitute this my last Will and Testament, and desire it to be received by all as such.

As to my worldly estate I will and positively order, that all my just debts be paid; and that the remainder of my estate real and personal be equally divided between my son Thomas Stead and my friend Margaret Bowers.

And I further constitute Mr William Evans of this place to be sole executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 12th day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty five years.

In presence of
Henry Rooke
Jacob Thront

Berrier Stead.

October Term 1785

The within last Will and Testament of Berrier Stead was exhibited in Court and proved in and form of law by the oath of Henry Rooke, at same time William Evans qualified as Executor, to the said Will agreeable to law.

Thos. McClaine. C. Clk.