

In the name of God Amen. I, Caleb Grainger of New Hanover County in the State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, after the payment of my just debts and funeral expences, I give to Mary, Jane Toomey daughter of Henry Toomey one hundred pounds sterling. I give to my wife Mary Grainger, all my silver plate and household and kitchen furniture and utensils of every kind. I give and devise to my said wife during her widowhood the use of my plantation and lands at Smith's Creek, and after the determination of that estate, I devise the same to my brother, William Grainger, his heirs and assigns forever. I give and devise to my said wife during her widowhood, all the tenements and hereditaments which I possess or am entitled to in North Carolina, and which were formerly part of her own estate, and all the monies due to me (as well interest as principal) for the sale of part of the said estate, and likewise all such other estate or the value thereof, as I received with my said wife or in her right, or to which in her right I may be entitled, to hold to her during her widowhood as aforesaid, but in case she marries again then I give to my said wife only my plate and household and kitchen furniture as aforesaid, and three thousand pounds sterling money at her own disposal. I give and devise to Sarah Ann and James Hasell Annand my wife's children and to their heirs, executors administrators and assigns respectively, after the marriage or death of my said wife, all the lands, tenements, hereditaments and other estate which I have hereby given my wife during her widowhood (my plantation on Smith's Creek, and a three thousand pounds sterling in case she should marry again only excepted), to be equally divided between them as tenants in common. And it is my will that in case my wife should not marry again, so as to entitle her to the disposal of the said sum of three thousand pounds sterling; then, that the whole of the estate which I received by her or in her right or to which in her right I may be entitled as aforesaid, shall go to her said children and in case either of the said children should die under age and unmarried, then my will is that the estates hereby bequeathed & devised to them, shall be to the survivor and the heirs, executors and administrators of such survivor, he or she marrying or attaining the age of twenty one years; but if both the said children should die under the age of twenty one years and unmarried, then it is my will that the estates so given and devised to them as aforesaid, shall be and remain; and I do hereby in that case give and devise the same to my brother, William Grainger, and my sister, Mary Blount wife of William Blount esquire, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

respectively to be equally divided between them as tenants in common. All the residue of my estate not herein before disposed of, Give and devise to the said William Grainger, and Mary Blount, their heirs, executors and administrators respectively, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike as tenants in common.

And I do nominate, constitute and appoint my said wife Executrix, Archibald Macclaine, William Blount, Henry Toomey and Thomas Withers, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Caleb Grainger, have hereunto subscribed my name and published this as and for my last Will and Testament (the same being written on three pages of paper) the fourteenth day of July one thousand seven hundred and eighty five.

Signed and published by the above named testator, as and for his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

James Walker
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Caleb Grainger 

New Hanover County }
January Term 1786 }

The within last Will and Testament of the late Caleb Grainger esquire, was exhibited in Court and proved in and form of law by the oath of Mr James Walker. At same time Mr Henry Toomey, one of the Executors to the said Will qualified as such agreeable to law.

Thos Macclaine. Clk

This day came before me, Thomas Withers one of the Executors named in the within last Will and Testament, and qualified as such agreeable to law, Wilmington the 14th January 1786.

Jno: Ferguson. S. P.

State of North Carolina.

This day Mrs Mary McCallister late Mary Grainger, came before me, one of the Justices of the peace for New Hanover County, the said Mary being named an Executrix in the within last Will and Testament, and qualified as such agreeable to law, Wilmington 30th January 1786.

Jno: Ferguson. S. P.