

At New Hanover
 April Court 1774

The within Will with the Codicils annexed was exhibited to the Court and proved in due form of Law and the oath of the Rec^d Mr John Wills a subscribing witness thereto who swore that he saw the Testator sign, read, publish and declare the within to be and contain his last Will and Testament and Codicils annexed thereto, and that at the time thereof he was of sound and disposing mind and memory, &c. at the same time Samuel Swann and Frederick Jones Esq^s Executors therein named duly qualified as such agreeable to Law
 John London. C. J.

In the name of God Amen. I Charles Steward now of the town of Wilmington in the Province of North Carolina, Carpenter, being very 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, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth; and as to my worldly effects, I give and bequeath all and singular my estate both real and personal unto my sisters if they are living; otherwise, I give it to John Gordon and John Allen, who together with William Steward I do constitute, make and ordain Executors of this my last Will and Testament, I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, Bequests and Executors by me in any ways before named, written and bequeathed, ratifying this and no other to be my last Will and Testament, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six.

Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Charles Steward as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

Mory: Freeman
 Joseph Tilly
 Florence McCarty

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 Charles (Ch^s) Steward (Seal)
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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 Lewis and Joseph Tilly signed at the same time as concurring 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.