

At New Hanover, January Court 1778.

The within last Will and Testament was exhibited to the Court, and proved on the oath of Mr Francis Price a subscribing witness thereto, and that Elias Howell signed at the same time as confirming evidence thereto.

Sam Swann. C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I Rannad Corbin, New Hanover, County in the State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do make, constitute and appoint this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

I give, devise and bequeath unto Lewis Le Grand a mulattar boy (the son of a negro woman called Kelly) whom I purchased of Mr Frederick Jones & Co (he having purchased from Sarah Moore widow of the late Mr George Moore) his freedom for ever, and I desire my Executors will have the same ratified by the County Court.

I give, devise and bequeath unto the said Lewis Le Grand a negro woman called Thengy, together with her children Nanny, Iris, Billy and Tom; also I give unto the said Lewis Le Grand a negro boy called Jimmy, and a negro girl called Rose, together with all the future increase of the above mentioned negroes, to have and to hold the same forever. I desire and request my Executors will hire out all the above negroes excepting any of them that Kelly may choose to be with her, and the money arising therefrom to be applied to the use of the said Kelly, and Lewis Le Grand, and the child the said Kelly is now big with.

I give devise and bequeath unto the said Kelly, my horse Sambo, six cows, one bed, bolster, and pillows, all my blankets, sheets and all my bed furniture, and as much of my kitchen furniture as she wants, and what China I may have, all my clothes and shoe buttons.

I give devise and bequeath unto Capt Thomas Allen three negroes, viz, Banesby, Dolly, and her child Jimmy; and I request and desire he will purchase the child that Kelly is now big with from Mrs George Moore, and have it made free: this I expect, and make no doubt he will comply with, as I know his sincerity and friendship for me, and as they will be sufficient pay, being for the price of the child.

I give, devise and bequeath unto Mr Frederick Jones & Co, my plantation whereon I live, and a piece of land (adjoining the said plantation) which I took up, for and in consideration of the

money which I owe him, to have and to hold the said plantation and piece of land to him and his heirs forever; but should the said Jones think the said plantation is not equal in value to the money I owe him, then I desire the said plantation to be sold and the money arising therefrom to be paid him; but the land adjoining as above, to remain his as before mentioned. All the remaining part of my estate, I desire my Executors will sell, and apply the money to the discharge of all my just debts, and if any money should remain in their hands after the discharging my debts, I desire it may be applied to the schooling and maintaining the aforesaid Lewis Le Grand and the child Kelly is now big with.

Four of my negroes has left and are gone to the English troops in Wilmington; but should they return or be got again, I give, devise and bequeath the said negroes for the purpose of purchasing Kelly and the child she is big with free, and for the maintenance of her, and the said Lewis Le Grand and the child she is now big with; I desire my Executors will purchase the said Kelly free, either by exchange or by selling the said four negroes and purchasing her, as shall seem best to them; and should any money be left after her purchase, to be applied to the schooling & maintaining her and her two children Lewis Le Grand and the one she is now big with.

I desire and request my Executors will have Lewis Le Grand schooled and qualified for a carpenter, and have him kept as much from negroes as they can, and to have all the negro boys I have left placed out to the Carpenters trade, as soon as they are old enough, so that when he arrives to the age of twenty one, he may have them delivered to him.

I request and desire my Executors will prosecute the suit I have against Mrs. Bobbins estate and endeavour by all means to have it recovered, and should they recover it to pay themselves out of the said estate for the expense in prosecuting it, and the remaining part to be applied as hereafter mentioned. Should Kelly and the child she is now big with, not be purchased before this happens, I then desire they will purchase her free and give to Margaret Moore (daughter of Mr. George Moore) a negro girl about fifteen years of age and two negro girls about 10 years of age as an inducement to Mrs. Moore to set Kelly and her child free. I then give and bequeath unto Lewis Le Grand two negro men and two negro women, to be hired out for his maintenance and schooling, and to be delivered to him at the age of twenty one. I also desire that four negroes (not under fifteen years of age) be hired out for the maintenance of Kelly and the child she is now big with; & should

my Executors purchase the child she is now big with, and
 give and bequeath the last mentioned four negroes to the said
 child when it arrives to the age of twenty one, but should either
 Lewis Le Grand or the said child she is now big with, die before
 they arrive to the age of twenty one, then I devise my Executors to
 hire out as many of the said negroes as will amount to the
 sum of thirty pounds sterling per annum, for the sole purpose
 of maintaining the said Kelly, to be paid her yearly, and
 every year, on the first day of January; and the remaining part
 of what I have left to the said Lewis Le Grand and the child
 Kelly is now big with, should they die, to be divided between
 Capt Thomas Allen and Mr Frederick Jones &
 Lastly. I give, devise and bequeath all the remaining part
 of the said estate which my Executors may recover from
 Mrs Coobins estate (after complying with the above mentioned
 part of this will) to be equally divided between my friends Capt
 Thomas Allen, Mr Frederick Jones & and Mr Thomas Braith
 share and share alike, and in case either of them should die
 without, if lawfully begotten, then to go and be equally divid-
 ed between the others surviving, provided nevertheless that if
 the person dying should be married, he shall have it in his
 power, to leave it to his wife during her widowhood or during
 her natural life and no longer.
 (omitted) I give, devise and bequeath unto Lewis Le Grand all
 the money that is due me for the purchase of the land I sold to
 Robert Hogg; to be put out at interest and delivered him when
 he arrives to the age of twenty one.
 I hereby appoint Capt Thomas Allen, Mr Frederick Jones & and
 Mr Thomas Braith Executors to this my last will and Testament.
 I have such confidence in the friendship of the above named
 gentlemen, that I have no doubt they will comply exactly with
 this will, and it is my earnest request and I call upon them
 by the most sacred ties of friendship, that they will not suffer
 Kelly, Lewis Le Grand, or the child she is now big with, to be
 treated ill, or want any of the necessaries of life. Knowing they
 will manage what little I have left them to the best advan-
 tage. I beg of them to keep Lewis and the child Kelly is now
 big with, as much from negroes as they can, though I should be
 sorry they should be taken from their mother, untill they are of
 proper age. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal this thirtieth day of January, in the year of our Lord 1794
 Signed and sealed in the presence of (the word) I Emma Coobins. (the
 words in first line of the second page, the word (four) in eleventh line of the 3rd page
 and the words (and to be delivered him at the age of twenty one) in the 18th line
 of the 4th page, and the word (devise) in same line and page being first inter-
 signed Moore?

August 17th 1782. James Moore one of the subscribing witnesses to the above will, appeared before me and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that he saw Edmund Corby, sign and acknowledge the within writing for and as his last will and Testament, and that the said Edmund Corby was at the time, of sound and disposing mind and memory. I sworn to before me the day and year above.

Saml Ashe. J. P. Ct. Lt. C.

August 17th 1782,
 Let it be recorded
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State of North Carolina }
 New Hanover County } January Term 1783
 This is to certify that Mr Thomas Craike one of the Executors named in the within will, came into Court and qualified by taking the oath of an Executor, agreeable to law: at same time it was ordered, that letters testamentary as if to the said Thomas Craike agreeable to law.

Tho: McClaine. Ck.

In the name of God Amen. I, James Colson of New Hanover County, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but being weak in body and considering the uncertainty of life, do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament, revoking all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

I give, devise and bequeath to the children of my beloved friend Thomas Davis esq, and their heirs and assigns forever, the bond given to me by Benjamin Smith esq, for one hundred and seventy five pounds sterling money, of Great Britain, also all my real estate on Blach, River, or any other place.

I give and bequeath to my beloved friend Samuel Swann his choice of my filly, got by Sweep, from my mare called Hannah who was got by Bussis.

I give and bequeath to my beloved friend Samuel Swann a note given by the said Samuel Swann payable to me for twenty two pounds, nine shillings, also one other note given by Col. Ingham and payable to me for twenty pounds currency.

I give and bequeath to my beloved friends George Moore and John Moore, my mare called Hannah and her other filly, got by Sweep, also my chest of books.

I give and bequeath to Mrs Mary Davis wife of the aforesaid Thomas Davis, my negro boy named Sam.