

In the name of God Amen. I George Barnes of the town of Wilmington in the County and Province of North Carolina (Baker) being in sound memory, but being sensible of the uncertainty of this transitory state, do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament, that is to say:
I first recommend my soul to the Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence I came, to be interred at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned —
and as for all the worldly goods and effects it has pleased the Almighty, to endow me with, to be disposed of as follows, (that is to say) That first, all my just debts, dues and demands be paid and discharged, and that the remainder and residue of my estate both real and personal I give and bequeath unto my beloved friend Judith Ross, to be disposed of at her will and discretion, and I further leave a child named John Garrison under the sole care and direction of my beloved friend aforesaid Judith Ross, whom I do by these presents for her care and tenderness of me, appoint and constitute my whole and sole Executor, revoking all former Will or Wills heretofore by me made, and by this public instrument of writing, do acknowledge this to be my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereunto have set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of July in the year, of our Lord 1773.

Witness
Daniel Austin }
Jesse Burnhouse }

George Barnes. Seal

At New Hanover, October Court 1774

The within last Will and Testament was exhibited to the Court, and proof having been made that the Witnesses to the said Will were and absent out of the Province; Robert Bennet was called upon to prove the handwriting of the Testator, who swore he verily believed the name George Barnes, subscribed to the Will, to be the proper hand writing of the said George Barnes decd. and at the same time Judith Howell (late Judith Ross) Executor named in the said Will, appeared and qualified as such agreeable to Law — Ordered that letters testamentary issue accordingly.

John London. C. C.