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New Hanover County }  
July Term 1789 } The within last Will and Testament of the late  
John Guerard was exhibited in Court, proved  
and found of law by the oaths of the Henry Arguehart,  
Thos: MacLaine. Clk.

New Hanover County Sep. 8<sup>th</sup>, July 1789.

There appeared before me, Rebecca  
Guerard and qualified as Executrix to John Guerard her deceased  
husband, mentioned in the within will, agreeable to law,  
John Ferguson. S.P.

First of all. It is my humble prayer to good the Father, that  
he may have mercy on me, and forgive me my sins for Jesus Christ's  
sake. Amen.

I tend. I desire that all lawful demands against my estate be  
paid, and for that purpose let all my book debts be collected, and  
also my negro Sam be sold.

I tend. For the love that I bear, to my wife Sarah, daughter of  
Richard East late of Wilmington North Carolina, tailor, I give to  
her my whole estate, goods and chattels, to be possessed by her,  
and the heirs of her body forever,

Witness my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1791.

William Gordon

October, Term 1791 }  
New Hanover County }

The within last Will and Testament, was  
exhibited in Court, and proved by John Allie, to be the hand  
writing of the within named William Gordon.

Thos: MacLaine. Clk.

In the name of good Aunt. I, James Geckie, practitioner  
of physic, being weak in body, but sound of mind and memory  
do make this my last Will and Testament in manner ofom following  
Imprimis. It is my will that all my just debts which I have contracted  
before the first day of September, 1793, should be paid by my Execu-  
tors and Executors; and I hope that my creditors will not distress  
my estate by law suits, in forcing payments from it, before my  
Executors may be able to discharge their demands.

Secondly. It is my will that my beloved wife should have possession  
of my negro which called little Charlie, and receive all the property  
existing fact he went to a widow should take place of my personal

~~properly, whereat it is my will that the executors may make such partition  
and dividing the rest, for a division, hereafter mentioned.~~  
Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Mary Geckie  
two thirds of all my China, plate, whenever a division of my estate  
shall take place.

Item. It is my will that my beloved wife Mary Geckie should  
have possession and free use of my house in town during her  
natural life or widowhood, whichever period may arise first,  
in equal partition with my child Mary Geckie, and at the con-  
clusion of either period, then I give and bequeath the above men-  
tioned house and lot, and my unimproved lot on Market Street to  
my beloved daughter, Mary Geckie forever.

Item. It is my will that whenever a division should take place, that  
all my negroes, and all my perishable property of every denomination  
should be equally divided share and share alike between my bel-  
oved wife Mary Geckie and my daughter, Mary Geckie, excepting  
the remaining third part of my silver plate, and one third remaining  
part of my China plate which I then give to my beloved wife Mary Geckie.

Item. It is my will that whenever a division of my personal and  
perishable estate should take place, that my watch called little  
Clarissa should be placed in that lot which may fall to my beloved  
wife as the rest of the negroes are clapped, but not as a deed of gift.

Item. It is my will and desire, that in case my beloved daughter,  
Mary Geckie should die unmarried and under age, I then and in  
that case, give and bequeath all the real and personal and perish-  
able property devised to her, to be equally divided share and share  
alike, between James Green son of William Green and Mary, a born  
daughter of John Moore esq. and in case my daughter, should marry  
and should have no living issue by her husband at her death, then  
it is my most sincere and ardent wish to her, that she would leave  
one half of all her real, personal and perishable property to the  
above named children, James and Mary.

Item. It is my sincere wish and desire that my daughter, Mary  
Geckie should live with my beloved wife Mary Geckie, who has  
always been a fond and affectionate mother, to her, until the mar-  
riage or death of either of the parties, and that the estate should  
not be divided until they should separate by one of the above  
occurrences.

Item. I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary Geckie my  
executrix, and John Moore esq and William Green my executors to  
this my will and guardians to my daughter.

This is my last will and Testament, written on three sides of this paper  
having scratched out and made void the second clause in favor of my  
wife, signed with my seal and subscribed by myself this seventeenth day of  
September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

Mary Geckie (Seal)

Signed and sealed in presence  
of us the subscribing witnesses

Sam'l Ashe

Thos' Ashe

James Greek last will and Testament exhibited into Court at  
November, Second 1793 and proved by the oaths of Thomas Ashe in  
due form of law. At the same time John Belvoir and William  
Green esquires qualified thereto.

Geo: Gibbs. D. Oly.

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In the name of god amen.

Mary Martha Basenat Beure Le Gros, late of the Island of  
Saint Domingo, but now of the town of Wilmington in the State  
of North Carolina, widow, being of infirm body, and great  
age, yet of sound mind and understanding, do make this my  
last will and Testament in manner and form following, that  
is to say, First, I recommend my soul to the mercy of the Supreme Being.  
Item, I give and devise unto my dearly beloved and eldest son  
Francois Alexis Le Gros, now residing in Wilmington, one  
thousand dollars worth of my property in Saint Domingo,  
also two female slaves now with me, to wit, Charlotte a negro  
and Mary a mulatto, to him his heirs and assigns forever.  
Item. All the rest, residue and remainder, of my property in  
Saint Domingo, I give, devise and bequeath unto my eldest son  
Francois Alexis Le Gros (besides the one thousand dollars worth  
already bequeathed to him) and my other son Charles, and  
my daughter, Anne Le Gros Albert, and their heirs and assigns  
share and share alike,

and I hereby appoint my said son Francois Alexis Le Gros, Exe-  
cutor of this my last will and testament; hereby revoking and  
making void all other wills by me heretofore made & declaring  
this only to be my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this  
eighteenth day of September, in the year, of our Lord one thousand  
seven hundred and ninety nine.

Signed, sealed, published and  
declared by the testator as and  
for her last will & Testament in  
the presence of the subscriber,  
who at her request set his  
name thereto

Robt Harley

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