

In the name of God Amen. I James Moran of
 of Wilmington in the Province of North Carolina, Gentleman, do
 make this my last Will and Testament as follows, namely,
 I give and devise to Frederick Gregg, William Campbell & John Bala
 Macdonald of Wilmington aforesaid esquires, their heirs, executors and
 administrators respectively, and to the survivor of them and to the
 heirs, executors and administrators of such survivor respectively, ac-
 cording to the nature of the respective estates herein devised, all my
 lands, tenements, and hereditaments of which I am possessed and to
 which I am entitled in North Carolina or elsewhere; my negro slaves
 to wit old Handy, Dublin, Scoffey, Hannah, Tony, Nanny and Kibush; my
 horses, hogs and cattle of all kinds, and all my estate whatsoever, in
 possession, reversion and remainder, to the intents and for the purposes, and
 uses following and no other, namely, in trust, that my lawful debts
 and legacy, hereafter mentioned shall be first paid, and subject to
 the payment of the said debts and legacy, then in trust that my said
 trustees or one of them and the survivor of them, and the heirs, executors
 and administrators of such survivor, shall sell and dispose of my house
 and plantation at the Sound called Prospect Hall, my horses, cattle,
 of every kind, hogs, (two mules excepted which I reserve for the use of my
 son) all my plantation tools and household furniture, and all my
 personal estate whatsoever, except my negroes, watch, sword and
 pistols, and such articles as they shall think may be kept for the use
 of my son without diminution or loss, and constantly receive the rents
 issues and profits of my real and personal estates, to the several intents
 purposes and uses following and no other, namely,
 That my said Trustees shall remit to my honored Mother, Ann Moran
 otherwise Gorman, at Kibush near Ennis in the County of Cavan
 Kingdom of Ireland, Sixty pounds proclamation money of North
 Carolina, and in case of her death then to my sisters Elizabeth Moran
 and Mary Moran to be equally divided between them; then in trust,
 for the education of my son James Thistle Moran until he shall arrive
 at the age of eighteen years and no longer, then in trust for the use
 of my said son his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns respec-
 tively, but in case my said son should die without heirs of his
 body lawfully begotten, then in trust for the use of my said Mother,
 and sisters before mentioned ~~their~~ their heirs, executors and
 administrators respectively, to be equally divided among them, if they
 or any of them should be living on the death of my said son, but if they
 should all die during the lifetime of my son, then in trust for my own
 right heirs forever. It is my Will that my son shall have possession
 of my estate when he shall attain the age of eighteen years, and that
 in the mean time he shall receive the best education the profits of it will
 afford; and my trustees shall at their discretion put out what monies
 they have to spare after paying my debts and the said legacy at interest

or lay the same out in the purchase of slaves for the uses of this my will, to be employed and hired out with those herein mentioned. And in case my estate should decrease by this my will to any of my relations in Ireland, then I give, devise and bequeath the same to my said trustees and the survivor of them, and the heirs, executors and administrators of such survivor respectively, to be sold for the use of such relations unless they shall otherwise order and direct.

And whereas I am heir at law to my grand aunt, widow Rice of the City of Dublin lately deceased, and she having left some real and personal estate, to which I at present think myself entitled; it is my will that my trustees herein before named, do and I hereby request that they may examine into my claim, and if they are advised by council that it is well founded, I desire they will apply so much of my estate as may be necessary towards supporting a suit for the recovery of such estate for the uses of this my will.

And lastly. I nominate constitute and appoint my son James Shilly Moran, and the said Frederick Gregg, William Campbell and Archibald Macclaine to be executors of this my last will & Testament, hereby revoking all Wills by me heretofore made. I am one thousand ~~seven~~ ^{seven} hundred and seventy three.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Testator, as and for his last will and Testament, in presence of us who have subscribed our names hereunto part of the nineteenth line being first cancelled, also a cancel in the last line next seal.

J^s Moran (Seal)

John Robeson
John Moffitt
Philip Jones

At New Hanover, January, Court 1775.

The within will was exhibited to the Court and proved on the oath of John Robeson a subscribing witness thereto, who swore he saw the testator sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be and contain his last will and Testament, and that at the time thereof, he appeared to be of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that John Moffitt and Philip Jones signed with him as concurring evidences to the same. At the said Court William Campbell and Archibald Macclaine Esqs Executors herein named, appeared and qualified agreeable to law.

John London. C. C.