

their calves, that I gave him leave to brand and mark, with his  
proper brand and mark, and also nine months of the time he hath  
to serve now, at the time of the date of this my will.  
Item. I give and bequeath to my mulatto woman named Margaret  
and commonly called Peggy, her freedom, after her having served  
my said wife three years, to commence from the day of my death  
and lastly. I nominate and appoint my dearly beloved wife Ruth  
to be executrix of this my last will and Testament, desiring and  
requiring her to see the same duly executed.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this  
first day of November in the year of our Lord 1741.  
Signed, sealed, published and }  
declared in presence of }  
Samuel Swann }  
Thomas Hodges }  
J W Hedges }

New Hanover County }  
December, Second 1741 }

Proved in open Court by the oath of  
Samuel Swann, registered January 17<sup>th</sup> 1741 in book, C. 369  
James Smallwood. Ch Regy

## North Carolina

In the name of God Amen

I, James Price of New Hanover County and Province of North Carolina, being  
but weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thank be  
to the Almighty God for it, and knowing it is necessary before we depart  
this life to settle our worldly affairs do make and ordain this my last  
will and Testament in manner and form following; first and  
principally, I commend my soul into the hands of my Almighty  
God, who gave it, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection  
of the life to come; and my body I commit to the earth to be buried  
in a Christian like and decent manner, at the discretion of my  
executors here after named; and as touching this worldly estate  
which it has pleased the Almighty to bestow upon me (my just debts  
first being paid) I give and devise as followeth.  
Imprimis. I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Sarah  
Price, the following negroes (to wit) Denah, Jada, Ebo and little  
Abram, and two beds with their furniture and all and singular  
my other household furniture whatever, except two beds as here-  
after mentioned, and one third part of my stock of hogs, horses and  
cattle, and also the plantation or tract of land where I now live

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during her natural life), and the above devised personal estate  
to her, and her heirs or assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Price, this plantation  
or tract of land where I now dwell after, my wife, deceased and  
also the following negroes (to wit) Peter, Scipio, and Flora, one bed  
and furniture, and one third part of my stock, of hogs, horses, cattle  
to him his heirs and assigns forever,

Item. I give and bequeath unto the child that I suppose my wife to  
be now, pregnant with, that is in case it should be born alive, the  
following negroes, to wit, Jack, Sam and Phillis, with one bed and  
furniture, and one third part of my stock, of horses, hogs and cattle  
to that, its heirs or assigns forever,

Lastly. I nominate, ordain and appoint my wife Sarah Price and  
my brother Thomas Price, Executors to this my last Will & Testament,  
revoking and disannulling all former Wills, Testaments, Legacies or  
Bequests heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this only to  
be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have set my  
hand and seal this twenty first day of October, in the year of our  
Lord God one thousand seven hundred and sixty five

Signed, sealed, published and  
proclaimed in presence of

Thos. Morris  
Mary Mathis  
Mary <sup>her</sup> Price  
March,

James Price Seal

James Price's last Will and Testament proved at March Court  
1765 on the oath of Mary Price one of the subscribing witnesses thereto  
John London. C.C.

Same Court 17th, Thomas Price qualified as Executor to the within  
Will, by taking the oath agreeable to law. Ordered that letters  
testamentary issued

Letters executed

Ordered by the Governor, in Council that  
letters testamentary issued to Thomas and Sarah Price  
John London. D Secty

Letters Testamentary issued  
Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 1768