

In the name of God. Amen. I, James Standley,
of the County of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina, being very
sick, and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks
be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain
this my last Will and Testament; that is to say, Principally, and first
of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty
God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be
buried in decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my Executors,
nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the
same again by the mighty power of God: And as touching such worldly
estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I
give, devise and dispose of in the following manner and form;
First. I give and bequeath to my well beloved son James Standley
one half of my uplands; and the other half of my uplands to
my son Samuel Standley;
Also I give to my well beloved son Spius Standley my mill stand
to support the mill, from the fork of the path near my dwelling
house, straight across to the line
I also give to my son James one cow by the name of Cherry.
And I also give to my son William Standley one cow by the name of Fish,
and I also give to my daughter, Elenor Standley one cow by the name of Champion
and I also give to my daughter, Martha Standley one cow by the name of Beauty,
and I also give to my son Samuel Standley one cow by the name of Guinea,
and I also give to my son Spius Standley one cow by the name of White Hawk,
and I also give to my daughter Sarah Standley one cow by the name of Red Head.
And I also give to my dearly beloved wife Rebecca Standley, all the rest
of my stock, with one yoke of oxen and one horse colt, all my house
hold goods and moveable effects; whom I likewise constitute and
ordain the Executrix of this my last Will and Testament; and I
likewise constitute and ordain my brother Spius Standley, Executor
of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly, disallow,
revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments, Wills,
legacies, Requests and Executors by me in any way before named,
willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no
other to be my last Will and Testament.
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
5th day of January, in the year of our Lord 1803, his
signed, sealed and delivered by the said
James S. Standley (Seal)
mark

Benjamin Mott
Samuel Riverbark
Philip S. Riverbark

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter, Superior
New Hanover County } March Term 1803

The execution of the above last Will and Testament of James Standley, was proved by Philip Rencuback, one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be filed, March Term 1804. Spiritus Standley qualified as an Executor to the within Will.

Witness

Anthony B. Toomer, Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I, Barbara Sellers of the State of North Carolina and New Hanover County, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say, I give and bequeath unto my sister in law Mary Smith widow of Alexander Smith and her unborn son Peter Smith, my three negro boys Daniel, Bristol and Dick, also my bay horse. I give and bequeath unto my sister in law Mary Smith a fourth my negro girl Peggy, for and during her natural life; and after her death I give and bequeath the said girl Peggy unto my nephew Peter Smith (son of Alexander Smith). And it is my will that if the said girl Peggy should have issue, the same shall be divided equally between my nieces the daughters of Alexander Smith a fourth. I give and bequeath unto my niece Mary Smith (daughter of Alex Smith) my negroes Anna and Peter, and one bed and furniture. I give and bequeath unto my two nieces Catherine Morrison and Flora Smith (daughters of Alexander Smith) my negro woman Rhoda and her child Tabitha and their increase. I give and bequeath unto my two nieces Barbara McNeill & Margaret Smith (daughters of Alexander Smith) my negro woman Betty and her child Ely and their increase. I give and bequeath unto my niece Barbara McNeill (daughter of Alexander Smith) one bed and furniture. I give and bequeath unto my five nieces (the daughters of Alexander Smith) my negro woman named Maggie, and all the cattle I may have at my death, except one cow. I give and bequeath unto John Robertson (son of Duncan Robertson) one cow and calf. I give and bequeath to my niece Mary Smith (daughter of Alex Smith) my large chest and my looking glass. I give and bequeath all the rest of my household furniture unto my five nieces (the above mentioned daughters of Alex Smith). It is my will and desire that the legacies in this my last Will and Testament (children of Alexander Smith) pay out of the respective