

In the name of God Amen. I Sepe Rooks of the State of North Carolina and County of New Hanover, being now aged but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God who gave that blessing do make this my last will and Testament, in witness as follows. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah, together with, five negroes named Dolly, Lewis, Treacy, Hannah, Betty, and all their increase, these I give and bequeath unto my wife Sarah at her own disposal forever, I also give unto her a negro man named Pompey during her natural life, and after, to be equally divided among my six children, that is Judah, Mary, Timothy, Benster, Joseph & Benjamin, I also unto my wife Sarah I give and bequeath my riding horse and wheel carriage, and also my stock of cows and hogs; and also I give and bequeath unto her a bed and furniture of her own choosing; and also I give and bequeath unto my wife the plantation where I now reside, containing five hundred acres, with the buildings and improvements on it; and after, her death unto my son Benjamin with his paying four hundred dollars unto my estate.

And also I give and bequeath unto Joseph my son four hundred acres of land altogether, viz one hundred and twenty two acres on the West side of Black river, and one hundred taking in the long bluff, and one hundred and eighty adjoining that of the long bluff, and one hundred between the Island & masons thoroughfare, with paying in unto my estate two hundred dollars. And also I give and bequeath unto Benster my daughter, one hundred and fifty acres adjoining my land and George Moores, with paying in three hundred dollars in unto my estate.

And also, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca & her Rebecca, Judah and Thomas Sikes one hundred dollars each and unto John Sikes their father, I give and bequeath unto him five dollars.

Also I give and bequeath unto Martha my daughter, her, & P. Penny three hundred dollars.

And also I give unto my son in law Joshua Penny five dollars. And also all the remaining part of my property, that is not disposed of, to be equally divided among my six children, viz, Judah Pigford, Mary Boon, Timothy Rooks, Joseph Rooks, Benster Moore and Benjamin M. Rooks.

And lastly. I constitute and appoint Benjamin D. Moor, her Pigford and Benjamin M. Rooks sole executor: to this my last will and Testament, in testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this 11th day of April A D 1827.

Signed and sealed in the presence of us } Sepe Rooks Seal
Attest Tho^s Rooks. Jas M. Charles

New Hanover, County } County Court March Term 1828.
The within will was exhibited in open
Court and proved by the oath of James M. Charles one of the subscri-
bing witnesses and ordered to be filed. At the same time Jacob
Piggford qualified as Executor thereto.

Witness
Thos H Davis. Cky

In the name of God Amen. I Mary Robertson of
the State of North Carolina New Hanover County, being of sound
and perfect mind and memory, blest be God, calling
unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that
it is appointed unto all once to die, do make, constitute and
ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form
as follows. First. I will and order, that my body be decently buried
by my Executors.

Secondly. I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Margaret
all my crop of corn, in case I die before it is consumed, and all
my stock of cattle, and also all the rest and residue of my estate
of whatever kind.

Lastly. I do nominate, constitute and appoint my worthy friends
Patrick Murphy and James Kerr Executors to this my last Will
and Testament, revoking all former wills by me made, I do by
these presents declare this to be my last Will and Testament.
In witness whereof I Mary Robertson have hereunto set my hand
and seal. Dated 8th 1827.

Signed, sealed, published and
declared by the Testator to be her
last Will and Testament in pres-
ence of us who have subscribed
our names as witnesses thereto.

Patrick Murphy
Margaret Hendrix

Mary & Robertson (Sister)
witness

New Hanover, County } County Court September Term 1828
The execution of the within will & testament
was duly proved by Patrick Murphy subscribing witness & ordered
to be recorded. At the same time James Kerr qualified as Executor
thereto.
Thos H Davis. Cky