

In the name of God Amen. I, John Herring, of the Province of North Carolina and New Hanover, County, Planter, being in good health and perfect mind and memory, bless be God for his mercy, calling to mind the mortality of man and that it is ordained for all mankind once to die, do make name and ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say, first of all, I recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that at first gave it; and my body, I recommend to the earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, not doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God, and touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with (my just debts and funeral charges being first paid) I will and bequeath in following manner, and form, *vizt*,
Supimus. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son Richard Herring, one negro wench named Sally, and one feather bed.
Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter, Sarah Herring, one feather bed.
Item. I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter, Charlotte Herring my negro fellow named Jackpaddy, and one feather bed.
Item. I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Rebecca Herring her living and maintenance off my estate, during her lifetime.
Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son John Herring, four negroes named as follows, *vizt*, one wench named Rose and all her increase forever, also three negro boys named Isaac, Ben, and Jack. Also all and singular my lands, tenements, dwelling houses and out houses, plantations and orchards, gardens and inclosures of fruit trees, with all the remaines and remainders of my estate, private and personal, within doors and without, consisting of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry, household furniture, goods and chattels, wearing apparel, ready money, books, debts, bonds, notes of hand, patents, deeds, and implements of husbandry, and every other article to me in any way belonging except what I before willed and named as above.
It is also my will that my son John Herring shall be my Executor, and I do make, constitute and ordain him the said John Herring the sole and absolute executor of this my last will and testament, and it is also my will, that no part or parcel of my estate shall be broke in upon, or divided, or the property in any way altered during the natural lifetime of my wife Rebecca Herring, if it please the Lord that she should live longer, than I; and at her death and not till then, the said estate shall be divided and paid away, agreeable to the true intent and meaning of this will, and that it shall be construed in no other meaning, but in the simple plain meaning of the words by me spoken. And I do hereby revoke, repeal, reverse and disannul

all other, bills and bequests, by me in any wise made, ordained or
made, admitting, confirming, ratifying and ordaining this and
no other, to be my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the
said John Herring have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th
day of October, 1773.

signed, sealed and delivered by
the said John Herring as his last
will and Testament, who in his
presence and in the presence of each
of us hereunto subscribed our names

John Herring Seal

Pettigrew, Moore
Theresa Duff
Nicholas Richards

At New Hanover, April Court 1774.

The within will was exhibited to the Court and proved on the
oath of Pettigrew, Moore one of the subscribing evidence & thereto, in
due form of law, who swore that he saw the Testator sign, seal,
publish and declare the within to be and contain his last will
and Testament and that at the time thereof he was of sound and
disposing mind and memory. At the same time John Herring,
Executor therein named qualified as such agreeable to law.

John London. Clk. Ct

North Carolina.

In the name of God Amen.

I James Hay, now of Wilmington in said Province, Shipwright,
being very sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind
and memory, thanks be to Almighty God, do make and ordain this
to be and contain my last will and Testament, revoking and making
null and void all former wills and Testaments by me heretofore
made. First I desire my body may be buried decently in a
Christian like manner at the discretion of my
Executors after named. I also desire all my just
debts be paid as speedily as possible after my decease; and after
they are discharged and the Executors paid at the most reasonable
rates according to justice; the remainder, if money, accounts, bills or
goods of whatsoever kind is to be remitted to my father John Hay, farmer
in Duncan Land in the parish of Guilford in the County of Haddington
North Britain or failing him, to his heirs or assigns, if above five pounds
sterling, if less than the above sum, it shall remain for the benefit of the
poor of the parish of Wilmington.

Lastly, I nominate, constitute and appoint my friends John Ross shipwright