

In the name of God Amen. I, Jonathan Evans of New Hanover County, Province of North Carolina, Planter, being sick and weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, praised be God for the same and being minded of the uncertainty of this mortal life, and that all must die, and having full trust and confidence in Almighty God, that I shall be saved through the merits of our blessed saviour, Jesus Christ; do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following—

First. I will that all those debts as I do owe in right to any manner of person or persons whatsoever, shall be well and truly paid in convenient time after my decease—

Item. I give and bequeath to my dear and well beloved wife Eliza Evans, one third part of my estate both real and personal, and my will is, that she shall continue on my plantation and have possession of my dwelling house during her natural life—

Item. I give and bequeath to my two eldest sons Rees and David my plantation with the appurtenances, three hundred and twenty acres on the river, to Rees, and three hundred and twenty acres to David; and my will is that they shall put to school my two youngest sons Samuel and John, and to school them at their charge—

Item. I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Ann Kelly the sum of five shillings proclamation money—

Item. I give and bequeath to my second daughter Priscilla Cogswell the sum of five shillings proclamation money—

Also I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of stock of cattle, hogs, horses &c, to my five sons, to be equally divided among them; and I make, constitute and appoint my said wife Eliza, and my two sons Rees and David Executors of this my last Will. In Witness whereof I the said Jonathan Evans have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy—

Signed, sealed and published by the above named Jonathan Evans as and for his last Will and Testament, in presence of us, who were present at the signing and sealing thereof,

William McGowan

Memery Bonney

Hugh Campbell

Jonathan Evans. Seal

North Carolina

April Court 1771

These may certify that the execution of the within last will and Testament was proved in Court in due form of law, and the oath of William McGowan one of the subscribing witnesses thereto.

John Loudon. C. J.

North Carolina. Sp.

In the name of God Amen.

I, William Ezard of New Hanover, County, in the Province aforesaid, being in perfect health, mind and memory, do make, ordain and declare this and no other, to be my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, First. I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping and believing a remission of my sins, by the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ; and my worldly estate I give, devise and bequeath as follows, Vizt, I will that all my just and lawful debts be paid immediately after my decease. I give, bequeath and devise unto my daughter, Elizabeth five shillings. I give, bequeath and devise unto my grandson John Ezard of Virginia, a tract of land on the south side of Mountains Creek, in Virginia, containing one hundred and forty five acres to him and his heirs. I give, bequeath and devise unto my grandson Isaac Rowlett of the same county, two hundred and ninety two acres of land known by the name of Posey, to him and his heirs; and in case of death while under age, to be the property of the above mentioned John Ezard, to him and his heirs. I give bequeath and devise to my grandson William Batts my shot gun. I will that all my estate that is not before bequeathed, should be immediately after my decease sold at public vendue to the highest bidder, by my Executor; and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided between my grand children, to wit, Hannah Dickson, Lucy White, Mary Batson, Agnes Batts, William Batts, Sarah Batts, John Batts, Bealant Batts, to them and their heirs. I nominate and appoint my good friend George White Executor of this my last will and Testament; and I do hereby revoke, frustrate and disannul all other wills before made by me, and do declare this and no other, to be my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand