

I appoint my wife Martha Sturdivant, my sole Executrix; and hereby revoke, annul and make void all former Wills and Codicils by me at any time heretofore made.

I desire I may be interred in my own clothes, and in as plain and private a manner, as possible. Dated the thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four.

Signed, sealed, acknowledged and declared by the testator to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of the subscribers who in his presence and the presence of each other, have set their names as witnesses hereto.

Samuel Sturdivant, (Seal)

Gavin Alves
Aubrey Jocelin
Will Hall

The last Will and Testament of Samuel Sturdivant, deceased was proved in Court, at November Term 1794 by the oaths of Gavin Alves, and Aubrey Jocelin subscribing witnesses thereto, at the same time Martha Sturdivant, therein named qualified as Executrix agreeable to law.

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State of North Carolina

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Joshua Sutton of the County of New Hanover and State aforesaid, being sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God; and calling to 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 to the earth to be buried in a decent christian like manner, at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again in the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner, and form.

First. I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Sutton, one tract of land containing three hundred acres, lying on the west side of the White Oak Swamp on Moores Creek, Stead. I give to my son Anthony Sutton, two hundred acres

of land, on the north side of his brother Benjamin, on said
White Oak Swamp; and also the plantation whereon I now live
after his mother's decease; also one hundred acres of land over
Moore's Creek, where Deaden lived.

Then I give to my son Joshua Sutton, two hundred acres of land
lying to the north side of his brother Anthony, land on said White
Oak Swamp.

Item. I give to my son in law Jacob Shepherd, one hundred and fifty
acres of land lying on Long branch.

Item. I give to my two sons Benjamin and Joshua, three hundred
acres of land lying on Mulberry, one hundred and fifty apiece,
the lower part to Benjamin, the upper to Joshua.

Item. I give unto my two sons Benjamin and Joshua each of them
one feather bed.

Item. I give to my beloved wife Nancy Sutton, the use of three
feather beds, one desk, chest and case, with all the household
furniture that I leave, during her natural life; and after her
decease I give to my daughter Becke one feather bed; and to
my son Anthony one feather bed; and to my daughter Comfort
one feather bed; and all the rest of my household furniture
to be equally divided amongst all my children after my wife's
decease.

Item. I give to my son Anthony one negro girl named Lath.

Item. I give to my daughter Comfort one negro girl named Salina.

Then I will that my negro wench Doll be sold to pay debts.

Then I leave the use of all my other negroes to my wife during
her life, then to be equally divided among all my children,
except Anthony and Comfort that I have already given negroes
to.

Then I leave my horse Rainbow to be sold, to pay a debt to Hentrop
and the black mare I leave to my wife, but the increase to be
divided among those of my children that has not had any
horse given them. Then I give to Benjamin, Joshua, Nancy, Rebecca,
Anthony and Comfort, three cows and calves apiece. Then I
leave my dry cattle to be sold, to raise money to school my
children.

Item. I leave two horses for the use of the plantation, and the other
horse kind I leave for breeders, and the increase to be divided
amongst those of my children that have no horse given to them.
Then the remaining of the horse kind to belong to Benjamin and
Joshua. Then I leave my sheep to be divided amongst all my
children only Sarah Barrow and Betty Shepherd that has had sheep
given them.

Item. I give to my son Joshua my blacksmith's tools, and riding saddle,
and wearing clothes and one rifle and one smooth bore gun.

Item. I leave two hundred acres of land where Eltenton Rachel now lives to be sold and Rachel paid out of the money; and the rest of it for the family, with all the plantation tools, and
 And I hereby make and ordain my beloved wife Nancy Sutton Executrix and my son Benjamin Sutton Executor, of this my last Will and Testament; And that my son Benjamin shall take the brand, plantations and tools to crop it, and one third of the crop for himself; the other two thirds his mother for the use of the family;
 and I do hereby utterly, disallow, revoke and disannul all & every other former, testament, wills, legacies, bequeaths and Executors by me in any wise before named, ratifying and confirming this and no other, to be my last Will and Testament,

and I do substitute and appoint, Mr Samuel Ashe & James Hentrops my true and trusty friends to see this my last Will and Testament proved in Court. God save the world amen. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eleventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six.
 Signed, sealed, published, pronounced
 and declared by the said Joshua
 Sutton as his last Will and Testament,
 in the presence of us

Joshua F Sutton Seal
 March,

Elinday ^{her} Rachel

James Warden
 James Hentrops

The last Will and Testament of Joshua Sutton dec exhibited into Court and proved by the oath of James Hentrops in due form of law, at the same time Benjamin Sutton therein named qualified as Executor. March Term 1796
 Geo: Gibbs. Dcl