

In the name of God Amen. The fourteenth day of
 November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty four, I
 Joseph Nichols of the State of North Carolina and County of New
 Hanover, Planter, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect
 mind and memory thanks be given unto God: Therefore calling unto mind
 the mortality of body, and knowing that is appointed for all men
 to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that
 to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul
 unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body, I recom-
 mend to the earth, to be buried in a decent christian burial at the
 discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general res-
 urrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of
 God; and as touching such worldly estate wherewith I hath phar-
 me to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the
 following manner, and form -
 That all my just debts are paid, the remainder of my real and
 personal estate to be left to my loving wife Ann Nichols during
 her natural life -
 After her demise, it shall return unto my children and be
 equally divided amongst them; but if the child that my wife
 is now pregnant with, should be a boy, it shall be his if he should
 live to the age of twenty one years; but if he should die before he arrives
 to the age of twenty one years, then to be equally divided amongst my
 other children -
 I also constitute and appoint my loving wife Ann Nichols Executor
 and John Pwint and Thomas Birmingham my Executors of this my
 last Will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke &
 disannul all and every other former testaments Will's legacies and
 bequeaths and executors, by me in any way before named, uttered,
 and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my
 last Will and Testament - In witness whereof set my hand and seal
 the day and date first above written - his
 Joseph O Nichols (S^r)
 made
 I have declared by the said Joseph Nichols
 as his last Will and Testament in the
 presence of the subscribers
 John Hain
 James Robertson

New Hanover County }
 January Term 1786

The last Will and Testament of Joseph Nichols
 as exhibited in Court and proved in due form of law by the oath
 of James Robertson

Thos. McClaine. Ck