

In the name of God Amen. I, Mary Bickars of
Wilmington, Widow, being sick, and weak, in body, though of
sound disposing mind and memory, thanks be to the beneficent
disposer of all events, do make, constitute and ordain this to be my
last Will and Testament.

First. It is my will and desire that I should be buried in
a decent manner at the discretion of my Executor, and that all
my just debts and funeral charges should be duly paid & satisfied
Then that the residue and remainder of my estate, both real and
personal or mixed, should be disposed of as follows, viz.

I will and desire all my estate, real, personal or mixed,
save and excepting one negro wench named Hannah, who
has ever been to me a trusty and faithful servant, I wish to be
excepted, as it is my absolute will and desire that
she should have her entire freedom at my decease.

As for the rest of my estate of what nature or kind soever, I desire
it to be converted into money and put out at interest for the
benefit of two children of Edward Russells a mariner belonging
to this port, one a male child named Samuel and the other a
female named Elizabeth.

Lastly. I nominate, constitute and appoint my worthy friend
the said Edward Russell to be sole executor of this my last Will
and Testament, hereby revoking and disannulling all wills
by me heretofore made, and acknowledging this and this
only to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred and ninety six.

Signed, Sealed, Published
and declared, in presence of
Wit. John Nichols
born Hurst

Mary Bickars. Seal
mark

March Term 1797.

born Hurst.

Proved by the oath of John Nichols and