

and seal, this twenty fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord
 one thousand seven hundred and seventy three,
 signed, sealed and delivered } ^{his} William M. Esq. Seal
 in presence of } ^{marsh}
 Ephraim Hillbee
 Susanna Hillbee
 Elisha Atkinson

At New Hanover, October Court 1775,
 The within last Will and Testament of William Esq. dec^d,
 was exhibited to the Court, and proved on the oaths of Ephraim
 Hillbee and Elisha Atkinson two subscribing witnesses, who
 swore they saw the testator sign, seal, publish and declare
 the same, to be and contain his last Will and Testament
 and that at the time thereof, he appeared to these deponents
 to be of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that Sara-
 mally Hillbee signed with them as concurring evidence thereto,
 at the same time George White Executor, the said named, qualified
 as such agreeable to law.

John London. C. Cl

In the name of God Amen. I Richard Esle
 of the County of New Hanover and Province of North Caro-
 lina, Planter, being sick and weak in body, but of sound
 and disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain
 this my last Will and Testament in manner and form fol-
 lowing, that is to say,
 I recommend my soul to God, and my body to be
 decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named.
 Item. I give and bequeath to my sons John Esle, Richard Esle,
 William Esle, and James Esle, and to my daughter Elizabeth
 Esle, and to each of them one shilling sterling and no more,
 Item. I give and bequeath unto my sons Moses Esle and David
 Esle, and to their, and each of their heirs and assigns forever
 the plantation I now live on, with all the land belonging
 thereto, containing by estimation one hundred acres.
 Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rachel Esle
 the free use and enjoyment of all the rest, residue and remain-
 der of my estate, during the whole time she remains my
 widow, subject only to the maintenance of my four children
 hereafter mentioned. And in case of my said wife's marriage
 or death, I give and bequeath the said residue and remainder
 of my whole estate of what nature or kind soever, whereof I may
 be seized or possessed to my two sons Moses Esle and David

Esle, and to my two daughters Mary Esle and Ann Esle, and to their, and each of their heirs and assigns forever, to be divided equally between them, share and share alike. Lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Rachel Esle Executrix, and my friend Cornelius Harnett Executor of this my last will and Testament; hereby, revoking and disannulling all former Wills by me heretofore made, and I do hereby publish, and declare this writing to contain my true last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy - 1770.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the Testator, his last will and Testament in presence of

Richard Esle. (Seal)

Charles Morris
Benjⁿ ⁱⁿ Gurley
James Middleton

New Hanover County Court

The within last will and Testament of Richard Esle was proved in open court by the oath of James Middleton, who swore he saw Richard Esle, sign, seal and declare the same to be his last will and Testament, and that Charles Morris signed at the same time as a concurring witness to the same. January Court 1777.
Thos. McClaine. C. C.

New Hanover County
April Term 1781

Cornelius Harnett esq, qualified as Executor to the within will, agreeable to law.
Thos. McClaine. C. C.