

my said husband
 in presence of
 John T. Darnell
 Wm. Richardson

Anna Bella Gentry, Secy

New Hanover County } County Court May Term 1823.
 The execution of this Will was proved
 by William Richardson subscribing witness and ordered to be
 recorded

Witness

Thos H Davis. Clk

In the name of God Amen. I Richard Hardy of
 Wilmington in the Province of North Carolina, make this my last
 Will and Testament.

I resign my soul to God its Creator, in all humble hopes of its
 future happiness, as in the disposal of a Being infinitely good. As to
 my body, my will is that it be buried in a decent Christian like
 manner, at the discretion of my Executors.

I hereby make and appoint Daniel Dumbibin, and my uncle
 Francis Bettelles Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Item. I will that all my just debts and funeral expences be first
 paid and discharged, and that all debts owing to me may be
 collected as soon as possible; and in case any goods, ware or mer-
 chandise should be sent and arrive safe for me here or elsewhere
 in America on my own proper account, I will that the same
 may be sold and the neat proceeds thereof be equally divided between
 my wife Sarah and my uncle Francis Bettelles.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my wife Sarah and my uncle
 Francis Bettelles aforesaid, all my household goods, wearing
 apparel and whatever else may properly belong, due, owing or
 payable to me at the time of my decease, to be divided between
 them share and share alike.

This is my last Will and Testament signed with my own hand
 and sealed with my seal this twentieth day of May in the year
 of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight.

Signed, Sealed, published and
 declared in the presence of
 James Gregory
 Thos Rutledge
 Zechariah Weeks

Richard Hardy. Seal

Wilmington. August County Court 1758.

These may certify, that Zechariah Weeks a subscribing witness, came into Court and proved the execution of the last will of Richard Harey upon oath, and that the said Richard Harey was then at that time of sound and disposing memory and that also he saw James Gregory and Thomas Rutledge sign as concurring evidences at same time.

James Moran. Clk.

In the name of God Amen. I Margaret Haynes of Cape Fear, Widow of Roger Haynes deceased, being in perfect mind and memory, and being desirous to dispose of my worldly interest agreeable to my own inclination, & that no dispute may arise or happen after my decease relative to these my worldly affairs, I hereby declare this to be my last will revoking all and every former will or wills.

In the first place I recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be decently but frugally buried; and after paying my just debts if any, there should be, which I desire may be equally paid between John Burgwin and his heirs and Hugh Waddell and his heirs, though at this time I cannot recollect of any debts I am owing: after leaving my son in law Hugh Waddell sole Executor which I hereby do; I dispose of my worldly effects as follows;

I bequeath to my son in law John Burgwin and Margaret his wife and their heirs, the sum of One hundred pounds proclamation money, to be paid by my son in law and Executor Hugh Waddell in twelve months after my decease, to the said John or Margaret his wife or to Hugh Waddell and Mary Waddell the residue of my real and personal estate, together with the following negroes, viz, Old Buba and his wife Betty, Mingo, Mena, Little Lisbon, Juliet, Bella my horses, mares, cows, calves, sheep, hogs, and my stock of every kind whatsoever; also my plantation tools, household furniture, and the whole residue of my effects, whether in money, debts or goods; leaving my said Executor Hugh Waddell immediately upon my decease, to take the sole direction thereof, for the benefit and use of the said Margaret Waddell.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of August 1766.

In the presence of }
Robert Schaw }
St. Johnston }

Margt Haynes. Seal

The execution of the within last Will and Testament was proved in Court in due form of law, on the oath of Robert Schaw, esq. one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. April 1st 1771.
John London C. C.

At the same time Hugh Macdell esq. Executor therein named qualified as such agreeable to law. Ordered that letters testamentary issue accordingly.

John London. C. C.

North Carolina. 1771.

In the name of God Amen
I, Benjamin Heron of New Hanover County in the Province above said Esq. do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following, that is to say,
First. I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, hoping and believing a remission of my sins, by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and my worldly estate, I give, bequeath and devise as follows.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Alice, and to her heirs and assigns forever, my house and all its furniture in Wilmington, with my negro slaves, Gift, Latham, Blacksmith Tom, Sarah and her two children, and my two mulattoes Johnny and Matty, together with sixteen hundred pounds proc, all my plate, all my table and sheeting linen, one half my China, with as much of the rest of the furniture out of the Mulberry house, as she thinks proper, to the amount of sixty pounds proc, which shall be valued by my Executors; which part of my estate I would have given her immediately after my death, and what my ready money, debts, pay or wages may fall short at that time of making up the said sum of £1000 proc, I would have raised as soon as possible by the work of all my negroes. And this legacy being Mrs Heron's own request, I desire of my Executors, it may in a particular manner, be attended to, to her full satisfaction.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter Mary, her heirs and assigns forever, all that tract or parcel of land called the Mulberry, including that tract joining it up the river and given me by Mr John Howes, together with all that tract or parcel of land called Bear Bluff which I bought of John Ashe esq, as low down as the creek opposite the Mulberry House, together with the houses and remaining furniture, of my wife has drawn her part, and all the appurtenances thereto belonging.

Item. I give, devise, and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth and to her heirs and assigns forever, all that my plantation called Mount Blake.