

In the name of God Amen. I, Richard Player, of Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, blacksmith, being in sound and perfect mind and memory, although weak and sick in body, and in case of my decease do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament, and at the same time revoke and make null and void all former wills by me heretofore made in print. I give and resign my soul to Almighty God who gave it, in hopes of its receiving eternal happiness hereafter, and my body to the earth to be decently interred in the Church yard at the discretion of my Executors and Executors hereafter named; and as to what worldly estate I shall die possessed of, I give and bequeath in the following manner, viz.

Secondly. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Player, my house and lot (now a bake house) situated on the north side of Market Street, forty feet in front, and twenty, seven feet in depth, to be sold to pay my just debts, if need so require, if not, to be disposed of as she shall think most proper for the interest of herself and children hereafter named. Also my plantation on Smiths creek, during her natural life or widowhood, and afterwards as hereafter directed.

Item. I give and devise unto my eldest son Stephen, after he arrives at the age of twenty, one year, a lot twenty, nine feet in Market street, joining Samuel Stuckey; lot to the Eastward, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and devise unto my little grandson Richard Player and my said son Stephen a plantation on Smiths creek butting and bounding southerly on Jonathan Dumbibins land & westerly bounded by land the property of the heirs of William Wilkinson deceased, to be equally divided betwixt them; to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give and devise unto my little grandson Richard Player, twenty, five feet of the lowermost corner, of my lot on the hill, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and devise unto my brother Thomas; son John, the remaining twenty, five of my lot on the hill, adjoining that devised my little grandson, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and devise unto my two daughters Comfort & Mary, all that land beginning at John Robeson's lot and ending at the corner, of the Church, leaving out three lots which I have formerly sold to Stephen Player, Saml Marshall and James Turner, to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give and devise my negro wench Mumba, to my two daughters Comfort & Mary to them and their heirs forever.

Item. It is my will and desire that my old faithful slave

Henry, after mine and my wife's decease, should have it, in his choice to live with which of my daughters he shall choose, during his natural life, and it is my positive will and desire that the by no means shall be sold from the family on any account whatever.

I give and devise unto my two daughters Comfort and Mary, all that lot or parcel of land on Market Street, joining to the lot I sold to James Turner, and Thimbley Moor, to them and their heirs forever.

I give and bequeath after the death or widowhood of my wife all my estate real and personal to my daughters Comfort and Mary or to which of them as shall be then living or in case of both their deaths, to my son Stephen, to them and their heirs forever.

And lastly I hereby nominate and appoint Mr Henry Thomas, and Mr David James, together, with my wife Mary, to be my Executors and Executrix of this my last Will & Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Wilmington this twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty four.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Richard Plager, as and for his last will and testament, in presence of

Richard Plager, Seal

Wm. Evans

Andrew Thomson

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January Term 1785

The within last Will and Testament of the late Richard Plager, was exhibited in Court and proved in due form of law, by the oath of W. Evans - At same time Mary Plager, Executrix therein named qualified agreeable to law.

Thos. Macclaine. Clk.