

North Carolina. In the name of God Amen.
 I Robert Nixon of the County of New Hanover, in the Province aforesaid, being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for it, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following; that is to say I give my soul to God who gave it me and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a christianlike manner; and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with, I give and dispose of the same in the manner, and form following.
 Inprimis. I give and bequeath to my son Robert Nixon the tract of land and plantation whereon I now dwell. Also one other piece or tract of land situate on Boes branch and lying to the eastward of the main road.
 Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Nixon one hundred and thirty pounds to pay for a certain tract or piece of land which I have lately bargained for, with John Innes, or some other piece which his Executor or he shall think proper.
 Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Nicholas Nixon a certain tract or piece of land containing two hundred and sixty acres lying and being between the land and plantation whereon I now dwell and the land belonging to George Merich.
 Item. I give and bequeath unto my son George Nixon a certain tract or piece of land containing four hundred acres, situated, lying and being in New Hanover County on a ridge called the Wolf ridge, to the westward of the main road and on the north east side of Trumpeter Swamp. Also I give unto my said son George Nixon the sum of thirty pounds pec. money, to be paid him, when he comes of age.
 Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Eleanor Nixon during her widowhood, the use of one third part of the plantation whereon I now dwell, together with the use of all my negroes, cattle, horses, sheep and hogs, with the use of my household furniture and the necessaries belonging to the plantation, she making no waste of any part thereof. But in case my said wife should marry, that then and in that case it is my will and meaning that all my negroes, cattle, horses, sheep and hogs, household furniture, with all other my personal estate, be equally divided between my said wife and all my children. And it is my will and meaning that the part of my said estate which shall be allotted to my said wife at the division thereof, she shall have the use of the same for and during her life, and after her death, the same to be equally divided among all my children then living. And farther, it is my will and desire that at the division of my said estate, that the lots or dividends as shall be allotted to such children as are not of age, the same to be left in the hands of my son Robert Nixon until they come of age. And whereas I did some years ago give and

deliver, to my daughter, Mary Midaletou, two cows and calves, one mare and one feather bed, it is now my will and meaning that my Executors do at the division of my said estate, proportion the lot or dividend thereof to be allotted to my said daughter Mary, so as that the two cows and calves, one mare and one feather bed above mentioned, shall be esteemed and taken as part of the said lot or dividend; and for the better fulfilling this my will, it is my meaning that at or after my wife's death, that my negro woman Lucia be sold at vendue; and for the execution of this my last Will and Testament, I do hereby appoint and ordain my loving wife Eleanor Nixon my Executrix, and my son Robert Nixon and my good friend James Midaletou my Executors of this my last Will and Testament. And I do hereby utterly, revoke, disannul and make void all former wills and testaments by me made, ratifying and confirming this and no other, to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Robert Nixon as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us

Robert Nixon (Seal)

Acton Price
David Hall
Benjn Mills

New Hanover, County }
April Court 1777

The last Will and Testament of Robert Nixon was exhibited in Court and proved by the oath of Acton Price a subscribing witness thereto, who swore he saw the testator sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that David Hall and Benjamin Mills signed at the same time as concurring evidences thereto.

Thos McClaine. C. Clk