

In the name of God Amen. I Solomon Bersley of
State of North Carolina and County of New Hanover being very sick
today, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God,
calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that
it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this
my last will and Testament, that is to say,
First of all. I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty
God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried
in decent christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing
doubting but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again
by the mighty power, of God.
And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God
to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the
following manner, and form.
First. I give and bequeath to my following children, Thomas, John,
Rebecca and Sarah, one spanish mill dollar each, as they have
already received their shares of me.
Secondly. I give and bequeath to Abel Morgant Jr, all my right, to
forty five acres of land, as has been already surveyed for Abel
Morgant his father, and is the place where he now dwells.
Thirdly. I give to my daughter Anne Bersley, two cows and calves,
one feather bed and furniture for the same.
Fourthly. I give to my two youngest sons Solomon and James Bersley
all my lands that I now own and not already bequeathed, with
all I may own, to them and their heirs to be equally divided between
them.
Fifthly. I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Rejiah Bersley
the rest of my property that I may own at the time of my death after
my just debts are paid, which I request her to pay by the sale
of such of my perishable property as she can best spare: and at
the same to be equally divided between my two sons Solomon and
James; but should one of them die before he comes to age the whole
to descend of my lands and other property that may be left at the
decease of my wife, to the survivor, one of the two; but should none
of them arrive to the age of twenty one, then I will that the whole of my
lands and other property, be equally divided amongst my other
children: I do also constitute my beloved wife Rejiah Bersley, my
sole Executrix to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty third day of
November One thousand eight hundred and one
Signed, Sealed and declared by the
said Solomon Bersley, as his last will
and Testament in presence of us
his Executors. Anne Bersley.
Solomon Bersley. Seal

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
New Hanover County } March Term 1803.

The execution of the within bill
Solomon Beasley, was proved by Samuel Swann one of the sub-
scribing witnesses, and ordered to be filed.

Witness

Anthony B. Loomis, Clk.

In the name of God. Amen. I, John Bath of the
County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, being sick, in
body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God
for it, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing
that it is of once appointed for all men once to die; do make and
ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say, principally,
First of all, I give and recommend my soul unto God that gave
it; and my body to be buried in a christian like manner, at the
discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but that I shall receive
the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching my
worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with
in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the following manner
and form.

First. I give and bequeath to Sarah my dearly beloved wife, or
negroe wench Dolly, one bed and furniture, also six cows calves
during her widowhood. I also give and bequeath unto my dear
beloved wife Sarah, one mare Lilly, together with all the house
hogs; also the plantation whereon I now live during her widowhood
also all my corn and meat that I now have; then at her death
or marriage to be sold and equally divided amongst my children
then alive.

Also I give to my well beloved daughter, Sarah Bath, one mulatto
girl Molly, also one bed and furniture, to her and her heirs forever.

Also I give unto my well beloved daughter, Mary Bath one negroe boy
Booker, also one bed and furniture, to her, and her heirs forever.

Also I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son John Bath, all
and singular, my lands and tenements, also two negroes by the
name of Chaney and Gabriel, also one horse colt by the name
Anthony, to him and his heirs forever.

Also I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter, Zillah
Bath, one mulatto boy David, also one hundred Spanish m
dollars, to her, and her heirs forever, by them to be possessed enjoyed
and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, and disannul all and
every other, former, testaments, wills, legacies, bequeaths &c. in