

State of North Carolina
New Hanover County

I do certify, that William Walker, and John Walker, persons ally, appeared before me and made oath, that Robert Cockman of this County dec^c, on the 24th day of October, 1794, and made a verbal will and left two hundred acres of land to Jane Walker, daughter, of William Walker, and under my hand this 27th day of October, 1794.

James Parkins. J.P.

The aforesaid last Will and Testament of Robert Cockman dec^c in County and admitted to probate at New Hanover, Novem^r 1794,

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Birmingham of Wilmington, Planter, being of sound health, memory and understanding, praise be to the disposing of all events, knowing the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof. Do make this my last Will and Testament,

I will and devise that all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and duly satisfied; then I will and devise the rest and residue of my real and personal estate as follows, viz. Item. It is my will and desire, that, first, part of an alley be left from Front Street to low water mark, as convenient as may be to the after, being another lot. Then I will and devise that forty feet back including the house where the Isabella Potts is now a resident of, at the expiration of the lease, be rented for the maintenance of a negro woman of mine named Rachel, and the maintenance and education of her three mulatto children named Mary, Hilly and Blifly, and the child of which she is now pregnant I will and devise unto Mary Kirkwood, eighty feet fronting the alley, and running twenty eight feet including the house on said lot, where Daniel Duffie is now a resident to her, and her heirs.

Item. I will and devise to Anna Jean Kirkwood, thirty feet fronting the alley and twenty eight feet back, being part of the already mentioned lot, to her and her heirs.

Item. I will and devise unto Robert Hale Kirkwood, son of the late John Kirkwood, father to Mary and Anna Jean already mentioned, fifty acres of land on Lee's creek, lying between my Toomer's land, and the plantation where I now occupy, beginning at a gunn on said Toomer's land, and running along his line two hundred and fifty two poles to three pines, to him and his heirs.

Item. I give and devise to Elizabeth Robeson, thirty feet fronting

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the alley, and twenty eight feet back, to her, and her heirs, the
the rest and residue of said lot to be rented yearly for the main-
tenance of Rachel and her three children already named, and
the child of which she is now pregnant with, with all the rest of
the land lying between Lee's creek, and Deep Inlet creek, between
Rachel and her three children, shall and may lease alike, to them
and their heirs.

I will and devise that my negro man named Brigid
Deasle, together with my negro woman named Thuney, should
live on the plantation where I now reside on Lee's Creek, to work
for the maintenance of Rachel and children during the natural
life of said negroes.

I will and devise that Rachel and her children should be emu-
cipated or set free immediately after my decease.

Lastly. I nominate and appoint my true and worthy friends
the Joshua Potts and the James Walker, to be executors of this my
last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and disannulling all
other former, and other Will or Wills by me heretofore made, and
ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will and Testa-
ment. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this first day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred and ninety two.

Signed, sealed and declared,
the words with all the rest of
the lands being first intimated
in presence of

Henry Rooks

Alex. Carmichael

Jos. Blane

Thos. Birmingham. Seal

Proved by the oaths of A. Carmichael March Term 1797.