

In the name of God Amen. I, Thomas Harrocks of Wilmington in the State of North Carolina Merchant, being weak, in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this day and year that is to say, the twenty ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord God, one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, make and publish this my last will and Testament, (hereby revoking all former wills) in manner following, that is to say,
First. That after my decease I commit my body to the care of my Executors, to be by them decently buried.
Secondly. That all my just debts shall be paid out of any property that I may be entitled to, at the time of my decease.
Thirdly. That as my property in this State is invested in a Partnership Mercantile concern with William Sanderson carried on in a store at Wilmington, and in another, store at Elizabethtown in Bladen County; it is my will that in case of my demise previous to the discontinuance of the said Partnership, the same should cease and determine upon such demise, and that a true inventory of all debts, credits, chattels and effects shall be taken as soon after such demise as can be, and that the balance due to me thereon, shall be paid over to my said partner, or the disposal of my mother, Ann Trotter, now resident at Liverpool or in case of her previous demise, to her heirs, Reserving providing nevertheless as follows, that is to say, that all my wearing apparel at the time of my decease shall be carefully sent to Liverpool for the sole use and disposal of my brother, Richard Harrocks.

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And I leave and bequeath to my Partner William Sanderson my silver watch with its appurtenances.
And I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said beloved mother, Ann Trotter, and my said Partner, William Sanderson to be my Executors, for the true and faithful discharge of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Thomas Harrocks the testator as and for his last will and Testament, in the presence of us, who were present at the signing and sealing thereof
Thomas Roberson
William Duffy
Geo. Duffy
Tho: Harrocks. (Seal)

April Term 1789

The within last Will was proved in due form of law by Thomas Robeson, George Duff, and William Duff, Thos. Macclaine. Ck

In the name of God Amen. I, Benjamin Herring of the County of New Hanover, being sick, and weak of body, but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my body, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows. First. I give my soul to God that gave it me, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent and christian manner, at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned with a certain hope of a joyful resurrection at the last day: And as touching my worldly estate, I give, devise and dispose of in form and manner following.

I give and bequeath to my son Bright Herring all my lands and tenements after, reserving the life of Mary my well beloved wife. I give and bequeath to Mary my well beloved wife, the following, he gave to my wife one negro girl named Leah with her increase and Jacob to be left to my son Bright; and Rose to my daughter Dorcas; Williams and Prince to my daughter Ann Taylor.

I also give and bequeath to my grand daughter Lucy Taylor one negro girl named Lett with her increase.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Wiggins, one negro boy named Jack.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Hutchins one negro woman named Kate.

I also give one negro boy named Abram to my son Bright Herring.

I also give and bequeath to Mary my wife all my household furniture, together with my stock and farming utensils. And after my wife's decease to be equally divided among my children. I give also my money after my just debts are paid by my Executors to Mary my wife.

I also nominate, constitute and appoint Bright Herring and William Miles Hutchins my sole executors.

Interlined before signed August 28th 1789

signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us
 Bushrod Miller
 Bright Herring

B. Herring. Seal