

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Neilson of Wilmington in the Province of North Carolina, Doctor of Physic, being in perfect sound mind and understanding, but very sick and weak in body, and in case of my decease, do hereby make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament, at the same time, revoking and making null and void all former wills by me made, in print. I give and resign my soul to Almighty God in hopes of its receiving eternal salvation, and my body to the earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my executors, and as to what estate I am possessed of, it is my will and desire may be settled and bequeathed in the following manner by my Executors.

First. That all debts due to me in any manner, whatsoever may be collected as speedily as possible, and out of the money arising to pay and satisfy all just debts and demands that shall appear to be justly owing by me to others to be paid. Also all my personal estate to be sold by my executors to the best advantage for the same use and purpose. And further, it is my will and desire that whatever remains in the hands of my Executors after the payment of all my just debts, I hereby give and bequeath to my loving mother, Jane Neilson, and my loving sister, Ann Neilson share and share alike.

And lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my loving friends, James Murray Esq. and Doctor Robert Lenoir Executors of this my said will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the

May County Court 1758. I do hereby certify that the above instrument of writing said to contain the minutes of the last will of Doctor Tho^s Neilson was proved in open Court, by the oath of Benjamin Morrison the writer of said paper, and that the same was strictly agreeable to the directions of the said deceased, and that the said deceased was at the time of giving the said directions of a sound mind and memory, as appeared to him the said deponent, and further, that the said Thomas Neilson died just as the said written paper was ready to be presented to him to be executed as and for his last will.

Mr. Archibald Macneil surgeon being also duly sworn, saith that he was present when the said Thomas Neilson gave instructions for drawing his last will, that he appeared there to be of sound mind, and that the within paper is exactly agreeable to the said instructions which writing the intended testator was not able to execute.

James Murray Esq. and Doctor Robert Lenoir qualified at same time as administrators to the estate of the said Thomas Neilson do give under my hand at Wilmington May the 5th 1758

Ja. Moran. C. Cl.

North Carolina }
New Hanover County }

In the name of God Amen

Whereas Jacob, Oreat of the said County, being ^{free} of body, but in perfect mind and uncertain of life, I leave my body, to be interred at the discretion of my executors, and my soul, I recommend to God who gave it; and for my worldly estate I give and bequeath as followeth

I give unto John Simpson of the said County, aforesaid, all my worldly estate and properties belonging to me. Likewise I leave him Executor and Administrator of my estate, to pay off all my just debts and to receive all just debts due to me. This being my last Will and Testament, as Witnesse my hand and seal this 27th day of February 1764

James Smith }
Edward Bursage }
John Alexander, Willey }

his
Jacob, + Neal ^(Seal)
witness

Jacob, Neils Will proved at March Court 1764 on the oath of Edward Bursage one of the Witnesses thereto agreeable to law. John Simpson qualified as Executor, thereto, and letters issued to him.
J. Moran. C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I Mary Newton of Wilmington in the Province of North Carolina, being in a low state of health, but of sound disposing mind and memory, do make this my last Will and Testament, in manner, and form following, that is to say, First of all it is my will that all my just debts and funeral charges be fully paid and discharged

I give and bequeath unto my nephews Roger Roots and Samuel Roots sons of Junius Roots dec^d, their heirs and assigns forever, equally between them share and share alike, one half part of my plantation and land, commonly known by the name of Rootses land on Carvers Creek, in Bladen County, together, with one half share of my saw mill thereon

Also I give and bequeath unto my nephew, Samuel Maulsby son of my brother, William Maulsby deceased, his heirs & assigns forever, my lot of ground in Wilmington, with all the improvements thereon, commonly known by the name of the ferry house and lot

Also I give and bequeath unto my friend Henry Toomer of Wilmington my negroe fellow named Neen, together, with my Marble Slab, and two China punch bowls

Also I give and bequeath unto Sarah Wilkins of Wilmington, widow, to be paid out of my estate by my Executors, to her, the sum of