

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Parker, of New Hanover, County and Province of North Carolina, Planter, being weak, in body, but in perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for his mercy; calling to mind the mortality of man, and that it is ordained for all mankind once to die; do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, vizt -

First of all. I recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that at first gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent christian burial at the discretion of my Executors not doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive it again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I will and bequeath them in the following manner, and form, that is to say -

I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Rachel Parker, her living and maintenance off my estate during her life time -

I also give and bequeath unto each of my well beloved sons, Thomas, John and Hardy Parker, one shilling sterling to be paid out of my estate by my Executors -

I also give and bequeath unto each of my well beloved daughters Elizabeth Lee, Laurenciab Highsmith, Rachel Powell and the heirs of Mary Gray the sum of one shilling sterling, to be paid unto each of them, out of my estate by my Executors -

I also give and bequeath unto my well beloved son in law Jacob Powell (whom I constitute and ordain the sole executor of this my last Will and Testament) all the remainder of my estate private and personal consisting of lands and tenements, goods and chattels, and stock of Cattle, horses, hogs, sheep and poultry of all kinds with my proper manly and brand; and patents, deeds, book, debts, bills, bonds and notes of hand; also all and singular my household furniture, working tools, and implements or instruments of mechanics or husbandry -

And I hereby revoke, annul, disallow, make void, repeal and rescind all other Wills and bequeaths, by me in any wise made or named, either verbal or written, declaring, confirming and avowing this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have in the presence of these evidences hereunto, set my hand and fixed my seal this 14th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two -

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by said Thomas Parker, as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and in the presence of each other, of us have hereunto subscribed our names -

Alasd. Mc Dougall. John Devane. Thomas Rogers

Thomas Parker. *(Seal)*

New Hanover, County }
October Term 1782 }
{ The within last Will & Testament of Thomas Parker, was exhibited in Court and proved in due form of

Law, by the oath of John Devane Esq, a subscribing witness thereto. Thos. McClaind. Cky