

In the name of God Amen. I Walter Ross of New Hanover
 County, in the State of North Carolina, being of sound disposing mind
 and memory (thanks be to God, do make this my last will and testament
 in manner and form following.

First. I recommend my soul unto God, in full confidence of the
 effectual mediation of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ. And my body
 I desire to be buried in a decent like manner, and as to my worldly
 estate, I dispose thereof as follows, that is to say in the first place
 I desire that my funeral expences and all my debts be first paid
 and that as soon as conveniently may be done.

Item. It is my will and desire that none of my negro slaves shall
 be sold for the paying and discharging my debts, but that in case
 the monies arising from the labour of my slaves should not be suffi-
 cient to pay and discharge all my just debts that may appear
 against my estate, I then in that case will and direct my plan-
 tation called Springfield, bequeathed unto me by my late honored
 mother, Mrs. Anne Ross last wife to containing by estimation six
 hundred and forty acres of land, shall be sold to the best advantage
 by my Executors hereafter named, and the monies arising from such
 sale, shall be applied and appropriated to the above purpose, and
 whatever money may be remaining over, and above from the sale
 of my said plantation after my debts are paid, I will and direct
 all such overplus shall be applied and appropriated towards the
 educating and supporting my niece Ann Sophia, William Henry,
 and my niece Rebecca Halzey children of Henry Halzey and my
 sister, Susannah wife to the said Henry Halzey.

Item. Should the monies arising from the labour, and work, of my
 slaves be sufficient to pay and discharge my debts, I then in that
 case, give, devise and bequeath the above mentioned plantation
 unto my nephew, William Henry Halzey and his heirs and assigns
 forever at his age of twenty one years of age. And should my said
 nephew die before he arrives at his age of twenty one years, then I
 devise and bequeath the said plantation unto any such sur-
 viving child of Henry Halzey and my sister, Susannah, that my said
 sister, Susannah shall think proper, to give the said plantation to, unto
 them their heirs and assigns forever. Notwithstanding it is my will
 and intention that Henry Halzey and my sister, Susannah shall have
 the full use and profits of the above mentioned plantation until my
 nephew shall arrive at his age of twenty one years. And in case of his
 death before he arrives to his age of twenty one years, to hold the said
 plantation until the age of twenty one years or marriage of such child
 as my sister, Susannah shall think proper, to give it to.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my dear and loving sister, Susannah
 Halzey during her life the full use and profits of my plantation and
 to some or bought of Col. Wm. Dwyer. And after the death of my said

sister, Susannah, I give, devise and bequeath the said plantation unto my niece Ann Sophia Halsey and her heirs and assigns forever, Stead. I also give, devise and bequeath unto my dear sister, Susannah Halsey and her heirs and assigns forever, my following negro slaves, named Pizar, Bob, Molly, and her daughter, Charlotte, Lucy, Statia and her son William.

Stead. I give, devise, and bequeath unto my loving brother, Sampson Moseley, esq, and his heirs and assigns forever, Boston Pin and Fortinore also the silver tankard that was my late brother James Moseley's. Stead. I give and bequeath unto my loving sister, Mrs Ann Livingston and her heirs and assigns forever, my twelve large silver table spoons, and it is my will and devise should I die before a settlement should happen between John Livingston and myself, that my Executors do make my sister, Ann wife to John Livingston a good and sufficient title for the three hundred acres of land on the Sound which they have improved and built upon. Also I give unto my sister, Ann during her natural life, Statia's daughter, Peggy, and after the death of my said sister, I give, devise and bequeath the said negro girl Peggy unto my niece Ann Sophia Halsey and her heirs and assigns forever.

Stead. I give, devise, and bequeath unto my loving brother, William Moseley, esq and his heirs and assigns forever, the following negroes viz, West and Statia's daughter, Annia, also the Ostrich Egg and the six large silver table spoons that fell to my share on a division of plate between my sister, Susannah and self.

Stead. I give, devise, and bequeath unto my niece Ann Sophia Halsey and her heirs and assigns forever, at her age of twenty one years or day of marriage which ever shall first happen my following negro slaves named Pizar, and her children Frank, Emmetta, Balan, Symon, Othello, Floras daughter, Nanny, and Statia's daughter, Sally; also all my silver plate unless it be such part as I have otherwise bequeathed. And in case my niece Ann Sophia shall die before she arrives to her age of twenty one years or day of marriage, I then in that case give, devise and bequeath the above mentioned negro slaves and my silver plate to be equally divided between such surviving children of Henry and Susannah Halsey, that have at the time of her decease, share and share alike.

Stead. I give, devise and bequeath unto my nephew William Henry Halsey and his heirs and assigns forever, my following negro slaves, Molly; children named Peggy, Bob, Allie, Balan, and Floras daughter, Samia, and in case he shall die before his age of twenty one years, I then will and direct that the above negro slaves shall be equally divided as above share and share alike.

Stead. I give, devise, and bequeath unto my niece Rebecca Halsey and her heirs and assigns forever, my following negro slaves named Floras her son Julius, and Statia's daughter, Belinda; and in case she shall

die before her age of twenty one years or day of marriage, the said sum to be equally divided as above share and share alike,

Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my niece Maria Mosley, daughter of William and Margaret Mosley, and her heirs and assigns forever, ~~Paris~~ daughter, Mary

them. I give, devise and bequeath unto my brother, William Hop of the State of Georgia, a ring of twenty guineas value, as a memento of my love and affection for him; as also all my part or share of the Jamaica Estate bequeathed unto me by my late Aunt Elizabeth Hop and his heirs and assigns forever.

Kind. I give, devise and bequeath unto my niece Elizabeth Ann Moreley daughter of Sampson and Sarah Moreley and her heirs and assigns forever, Lucy's daughter, Polly.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my brother in law, Henry, Watson, and his heirs and assigns forever, all my stock, of horses, cattle and hogs, where so ever to be found, unless it be such as I shall give away in my life time - I also give unto the said Henry, all my plantation tools of every denomination whatever -

Heads. I desire that my Executors hereafter mentioned, will have a mourning ring of three guineas value made, and given Captain John Livingston as a memento and remembrance of my loss and regard for him.

them, I give, devise and bequeath unto my two brothers Sampson and William Mosley esquires, and their heirs and assigns forever, the land so bequeathed unto me by my late brother, Thomas Mosley, esq. opposite the Flats on Cape Fear River, to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

and devised and bequeath unto Henry Halsey, and his heirs and assigns forever, the tract of land opposite Mrs Johns, that I bought of the said Henry Halsey.

Wend. I give, devise and bequeath unto my loving sister, Susan M. Halsey and her heirs and assigns forever, all my household furniture of every denomination whatsoever, and where soever, to be found, unless such part as I have otherwise bequeathed.

I desire that my Executors will have a ring of three guineas value made and presented to my worthy friend Will Green, in remembrance of my second and his wife.

Heard. It is my wish and positive request that my negroes shall be kept and worked together, as much as possible until my debts are all paid, after which is completed, then the negroes bequeathed to be given up and delivered agreeable to my several bequests. Lastly, I hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my dear and loving sister, Susannah Halzey, Executrix, my brother-in-law, Henry Halzey, and my brother, William Moseley, esquire Executors of this my last Will and Testament; and I hereby revoke, and make void