

New Hanover, County, } County, Court, December Term 1781

The execution of the within Will of Moses I DeKoffet, was proved in open Court by William C Lord one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be filed

Witness
Thos H Davis. Clk

In the name of God Amen. The twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, I William Evans of New Hanover County, on a creek of Cape Fear river, in North Carolina, Planter, being very sick, and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God therefor; calling to mind the mortality of the body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die; do make and ordain this my last Will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God that gave it, and for my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a decent and christianlike manner at the discretion of my wife Tabitha Evans, whom I appoint my sole Executrix, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection, shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God; and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner, and force, to wit, it is my will:

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Tabitha Evans the Manor plantation I now live on.

Item. I also give the said Tabitha Evans, fifty acres of land joining the said plantation, for the convenience of fire wood and rail timber, forever, her heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns.

Item. I also give and bequeath unto the above said Tabitha Evans half my stock of cattle and a half my hogs.

Item. I give and bequeath also unto my beloved wife Tabitha Evans all my negroes.

Item. I also give and bequeath unto the above said Tabitha, two feather beds and their furniture, believing and desiring she may have her first choice.

Item. I also give half my sheep.

Item. I give my two best horses and two saddles.

Item. I also give unto the said Tabitha Evans, half my pewter, and half my pots.

Item. Also give unto the said Tabitha Evans all my ready money.

Item. Also give the above said Tabitha, two best steers and their cords.

Item. I also give and bequeath to the above said Tabitha Evans, three wheels

Item. I also give and bequeath unto my daughter, Eliza, Simmons one hundred and fifty acres of land, where she now lives on, to her heirs, Executors, Administrators, or assigns forever.

Item. I also give and bequeath unto my grand daughter, Rhoda, Simmons two cows and calves

Item. I also give and bequeath unto my daughter, Eliza, Simmons all the remainder of my stock of cattle, and half the poultry.

Item. I also give unto Eliza, Simmons half my hogs and two feather beds and the furniture, also half the pots.

Item. I also give unto the above said Eliza, Simmons half my stock of sheep.

Item. I also give and bequeath unto my grand son Evans Simmons, one breeding mare.

Item. I also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Tabitha Evans all the remainder of my household goods; and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every other former, testaments, wills, legacies and executors by me in any ways before this time named, willed, or bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other, to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year within written.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of us

William T. Basteel
Edward Ward
Thomas Benton

his
William Evans (Seal)
mark

North Carolina

New Hanover County

July Superior Court 1769

The within last Will and Testament of William Evans was produced to the Court and proved on the oath of Thomas Benton one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who swore that he saw the Testator, William Evans, sign, seal and execute the said last Will and Testament, and that at the time of his making of it, he was to the best of his deponents knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind and memory; and that William Basteel and Edward Ward signed with him as concurring evidences to the same. And at the same time Tabitha Evans Executrix therein named qualified as such agreeable to Law. Ordered that letters testamentary issue accordingly.

John London. C. C.