

North Carolina

April Court 1771

These may certify that the execution of the within last will and Testament was proved in Court in due form of law, and the oath of William McGowan one of the subscribing witnesses thereto.

John Loudon. C. J.

North Carolina. Sp.

In the name of God Amen.

I, William Ezard of New Hanover, County, in the Province aforesaid, being in perfect health, mind and memory, do make, ordain and declare this and no other, to be my last will and Testament, in manner, and form following, that is to say, First. I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping and believing a remission of my sins, by the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ; and my worldly estate I give, devise and bequeath as follows, Vizt,

I will that all my just and lawful debts be paid immediately after my decease.

I give, bequeath and devise unto my daughter, Elizabeth five shillings.

I give, bequeath and devise unto my grandson John Ezard of Virginia, a tract of land on the south side of Mountains Creek, in Virginia, containing one hundred and forty five acres to him and his heirs.

I give, bequeath and devise unto my grandson Isaac Rowlett of the same county, two hundred and ninety two acres of land known by the name of Posey, to him and his heirs; and in case of death while under age, to be the property of the above mentioned John Ezard, to him and his heirs.

I give bequeath and devise to my grandson William Batts my shot gun.

I will that all my estate that is not before bequeathed, should be immediately after my decease sold at public vendue to the highest bidder, by my Executor; and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided between my grand children, to wit, Hannah Dickson, Lucy White, Mary Batson, Agnes Batts, William Batts, Sarah Batts, John Batts, Bealant Batts, to them and their heirs. I nominate and appoint my good friend George White Executor of this my last will and Testament; and I do hereby revoke, frustrate and disannul all other wills before made by me, and do declare this and no other, to be my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

and seal, this twenty fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord
one thousand seven hundred seventy three,
Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of
Ezra Hillbee
Susanna Hillbee
Elisha Atkinson

William N. Esq. Seal
w. h. b.

At New Hanover, October Court 1775.

The within last Will and Testament of William Gary dec^d,
was exhibited to the Court, and proved on the oaths of Ephraim
Hillbee and Olisha Atkinson two subscribing witnesses, who
swore they saw the testator sign, seal, publish and declare
the same, to be and contain his last Will and Testament
and that at the time thereof, he appeared to them competent
to be of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that Ezra
Hillbee signed with them as concurring evidence thereto,
at the same time George White Executor, the herein named, qualified
as such agreeable to law.

John London. C. Clk

John London. C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I Richard Eastle
of the County of New Hanover and Province of North Caro-
lina, Planter, being sick and weak in body, but of sound
and disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain
this my last will and Testament in manner and form fol-
lowing, that is to say,

owing, that is to say, Improvements. I recommend my soul to God, and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named. I give and bequeath to my sons John Earle, Richard Earle, William Earle, and James Earle, and to my daughter Elizabeth Earle, and to each of them one shilling sterling and no more. I give and bequeath unto my sons Moses Earle and David Earle, and to their and each of their heirs and assigns forever, the plantation I now live on, with all the land belonging thereto, containing by estimation one hundred acres. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rachel Earle the free use and enjoyment of all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, during the whole time she remains a widow, subject only to the maintenance of my four children hereafter mentioned. And in case of my said wife's marriage or death, I give and bequeath the said residue and remainder of my whole estate of what nature or kind soever, whereof I now do seize or possess to my two sons Moses Earle and David