

I William H. Vann of the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say First that my Executors (hereafter named) shall provide for my body a decent Burial suitable to the wishes of my Relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts house-rent and whomever being out of the moneys that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my Estate.

Item. I give and devise to my Beloved Wife Margaret Vann during her natural life my land and negroes and all the balance of my estate which I may possess.

Item. I give and devise to my daughter Mary Jane Larkins at the death of my wife my negro man Jim to her her heirs and assigns.

Item. I give to my son William H. Vann at this time my horse which is called Gus also at my wifes death my negro boy John and my plantation whereon I now live also my Books writing desk and clock Provided nevertheless if he should sell the lands heretofore given in this my will to him that he shall give one third of the proceeds to his Sisters Equally to be divided between them four or their representatives.

Item. I give and devise at my Wifes death all the balance of my Estate to my three daughters Harriet Caroline Vann, Margaret M. Vann, Eliza Ann Vann, Equally to be divided between them their heirs Executors Adm^r or Assigns & I do hereby constitute and appoint William H. Larkins and my son William H. Vann Executors to this my last Will and Testament to every part and clause of the same hereby revoking all other Wills by me made.

In witness whereof I the said William H. Vann do hereunto set my hand and seal this April 1840
W. H. Vann *Great Seal*

Signed sealed and published before us who at the request of the said W. H. Vann and in presence of each other do set our names as Witnesses

Wm. Bunting
J. Bunting

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover County Court } March term 1849
This paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of William H. Vann deceased is exhibited

in open court and duly proven by the oath of John Bunting one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon it is considered by the Court that the same is the last Will and Testament of said William H. Vann and sufficient to pass the property therein bequeathed, and as such ordered to be recorded and filed: At the same time William S. Larkin one of the Executors therein named duly qualified as such

Teste
L. H. Marsteller Clk

State of North Carolina
County of New Hanover

In the name of God Amen. I Simon Gurganus of the County of New Hanover in the State above-written being of sound and disposing mind and memory but conscious of the uncertainty of life, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made

And first, I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life; And as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of the same, as follows:

First, I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible, out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate real or personal.

Also I hereby give and devise and bequeath unto my Wife Betty one third of all the real Estate of which I may die seized in fee, the dwelling House and out Houses where I may reside at the time of my death to be included in the portion thus left to my said Wife, during her natural life; and at the death of my said Wife the portion of my real Estate thus devised to my said wife during her life, I give and devise to my children David Gurganus, Thankful Gurganus, Elly Jane Gurganus & Robert Gurganus and such other children as I may be father of hereafter, born of the body of my said wife Betty, to them their heirs and assigns, to be equally divided between them share and share alike as tenants in common, and if of my said children shall die without issue, then his or her share to be equally divided between his or her brothers and sisters above named.