

New Hanover County, N.C.

In the name of God Amen.

I, William Knotts of the County aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory, but sick and weak in body, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament,

In witness whereof I recommend my soul to the Almighty; and my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named; and as to my worldly goods, I dispose of them as follows,

After paying all my just debts, which I desire may be done as soon as conveniently they can after my decease; I give all my clothes and wearing apparel to my brother, John Knotts, living on Trent river in Craven County,

I give to my son William Knotts, who lived in Queen Anne County in Maryland on Chester river, my negro boy called Emanuel; and if my estate (exclusive of the said negro) is not sufficient to pay my debts, I desire my Executor may keep the said negro in his possession and to allow a reasonable hire for him, which hire I would have applied towards the payment of my debts remaining unpaid; and the overplus with the residue of my estate I desire may be given to my aforesaid son William.

I desire and request my employer, Samuel Swann, will act as my Executor and see my will performed.

Signed, sealed and declared

William Knotts. (Seal)
witness,

in the presence of us

Frederick Jones

Charles Heron

At New Hanover, N.C., Court 1771.

The within Will was exhibited to the Court and proved on the oath of Frederick Jones Esq, a subscribing witness, who swore that he saw the testator, sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be & contain his last Will and Testament, and that at the time thereof, he was to the best of this deponents knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that Charles Heron signed at the same time as a concurring evidence thereto, At the same time Samuel Swann esq, qualified as Executor agreeable to law,

John London. C. Ct.