

Robert de Brackin's last will and Testament proved June tenth
1746, on the oath of Thomas Henderson one of the subscribing witnesses
thereto, in due form of law: And at the same time William Campbell
and John Robeson Executors therein named qualified agreeable to
law. Or else a better testamentary proof.
John London. C. C.

North Carolina Spec.

In the name of God Amen.
I William Morris of the County of New Hanover, in the Province
aforesaid, planter, being sick, and weak of body, but of
perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, do make and
ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say, prin-
cipally and first of all I commend my soul into the hands
of God that gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried
in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors
and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased
God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in
manner, and form following: *Witnes.*
Item. It is my will that all my just debts and funeral exp-
ences be paid immediately after my decease.
Item. I give and bequeath unto my grandson James Morris, son
of Thomas Morris deceased and to the heirs male of his body
lawfully issuing, forever, the plantation and tract of land where
I now dwell, containing five hundred and twenty acres more or
less, situate on New Poplar Sound in the county of New Hanover in
the Province aforesaid; and in case the said James Morris shall
die without issue as aforesaid, that then and in such case I
give the said plantation and tract of land to my grand son
William Morris son of my daughter Margaret Morris and to
the heirs male of his body lawfully issuing, forever. And in case
he the said William Morris shall die without such issue as aforesaid
that then and in such case I give the said plantation and tract
of land to my grand son Thomas Bishop son of my daughter
Elizabeth Bishop to him and his heirs forever.
Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Bishop
to her and her heirs, one negro man named Hector, and one
negro man named Pomp.
Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Morris
to her, and her heirs one negro man named London, to be deliv-
ered her when she goes to Georgia.
Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann de Lamy, twenty
pounds proclamation money, and three cows and calves, to be paid
and delivered her immediately.

Hand. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Rachel Carter, to her and her heirs one negro man named Tubah, to be delivered her, after the five negroes are bought.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my grandson William Morris a negro man and his heirs, one negro boy named Isaac, and one negro woman named Pann, to be delivered him after the five negroes are bought which I have directed to be bought.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my grandson, Maurice Bishop son of my daughter, Elizabeth Bishop, to him and his heirs, one negro boy named Pomp and one negro girl called Hann, to be delivered when the five negroes I have directed to be bought, shall be purchased.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson, Maurice Ward, to him and his heirs, one negro woman called Hann and her child called Phillis, to be delivered when the five negroes I have directed to be bought, shall be purchased.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Lewis Hicks son of Benjamin Hicks and Esther Hicks deceased, one negro girl, to be delivered unto him when he shall attain to the age of twenty one years, and in case he the said Lewis Hicks shall die without lawful issue, the said negro girl shall devolve to my grandson James Morris.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Mrs. Ann Sutton the sum of twenty pounds proclamation money: also the sum of thirty pounds like money to be paid unto her, in produce. Together with one feather bed and one negro girl named Pann, and it is my will that the said Ann Sutton shall have the use of a comfortable house on the plantation whereon I now live, for and during the term of five years, and to have necessary provisions allowed her for herself, during the said term out of my estate.

And it is my will and desire that my executors here after, named, shall purchase as soon as shall be convenient after my decease, for the use and benefit of my grandson James Morris and his heirs forever, five young negroes, to wit, three boys and two girls, and that my brother, Solomon Morris shall have the care of two of the said negroes when purchased, to wit, one boy and one girl for and during his natural life and no longer, and it is my will and desire that all my horses and sheep be sold by my executors as soon as may be convenient.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my grandson James Morris spouse to him and his heirs forever, all the remainder of my estate, both real and personal of what kind soever, which I have not before bequeathed or disposed of, to be paid and delivered unto him when he shall attain to the age of twenty years, but in case the said James Morris shall depart this life without lawful issue, then and in such case I give the same to be equally divided between my

four grandsons (to wit) Maurice Ward, Maurice Bishop, William Morris and William Castle, to them and their lawful heirs on their mother's side,

Now I give and bequeath unto my son in law Stokely Bishop the profits arising from the work and labor of my negroes until they shall be delivered agreeable to this my last Will & Testament to the different legatees above mentioned; also the profits and one half the increase of any stock of hogs and cattle, together with the use of the plantation whereon I now dwell, and the use of my household furniture and the necessaries belonging to the plantation, during the minority of my grandson James Morris, and it is my will & desire and order, that the said Stokely Bishop before he receives any part of the said estate into his possession or any part of the profits thereof, shall enter into such bond with good security as shall be adjudged sufficient and necessary by the County Court for the securing and delivering of all the principal stock of negroes, which he shall receive into his possession together with their increase to the different legatees above mentioned and agreeable to the true intent and meaning of this my last Will and Testament; and that the said Stokely Bishop be also obliged by the said bond to deliver up the said plantation and houses thereon to my grandson James Morris afore said when he shall come of age, in as good order and condition as he the said Stokely Bishop shall receive the same in; and he the said Stokely Bishop to be obliged to return and deliver unto my said grandson James Morris afore said, the cattle, hogs and household furniture which he shall receive into his possession, in kind and quantity and in as good order, as he shall receive the same, or to pay the value thereof in proc. money to my said grandson James. And it is my further will and meaning, that my said son in law Stokely Bishop shall maintain my said grandson James Morris in a gentle manner until he shall come of age, and that he shall give him sufficient schooling, that is to say, reading, writing and ciphering, out of the profits of my estate which he the said Stokely Bishop shall receive into his hands. And whereas I have directed that my Executors shall purchase for the benefit and use of my grandson James Morris, five young negroes, as soon as shall be convenient after my decease, now my will and meaning is, that my said executors shall purchase the said five negroes, with the proclamation money, & now in the house, and the net proceeds of the Pitch, Tar & Turpentine which shall be made and delivered by the labour of my negroes the ensuing season, and for the execution of the above Will, I nominate and appoint my two sons in law Stokely Bishop and Oney M. Lantry, and my

good friend George Merick, esq, executor of this my last will and Testament; and I do hereby utterly disannul, revoke and make void all and every other former will and wills, testaments, legacies and bequestes by me before made, 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 this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said W^m Morris in the presence of us the subscribers

W^m Morris. Seal

Samuel Collyer,
William Taylor,
Jonathan ^{his} Taylor,
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March Court 1767. Proved by the oathe of Samuel Collyer one of the subscribing witnesses thereto agreeable to law
John London. C. C.

At June Court 1767. George Merick, esq and Mr. Stokely, Bishop executors named in the within will qualified as such agreeable to law, ordered that letters testamentary issued accordingly
John London. C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Merick, of New Hanover County, in the Province of North Carolina, being of sound mind, memory, and understanding, but considering the uncertainty of this life, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say. I bequeath my soul to the Almighty who gave it; and my body to be buried without any superfluous expence. I will and desire that whatever just debts I may owe be paid out of the first profits of my estate that comes to the hands of my Executors. I give and bequeath unto my brother George Merick, and to his heirs and assigns, two hundred acres of land, about two miles above Holly Shelter Creek Bridge, to be laid off by parallel lines on the lower end of a tract of land patented by me containing six hundred acres, said lower line running forty four degrees west two hundred and eighty six poles. I give and bequeath unto my good son John Lillington son of the said Lillington Bay, and to his heirs and assigns six hundred and