

North Carolina
New Hanover County }

In the name of God Amen.

I William Nichols being weak of body, but in perfect mind and sense and memory, thanks be to God for the same, and calling to mind, that there is a time once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all other Wills and Testaments whatsoever, that is to say, First and principally. I recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it me; my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a christianlike manner, at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named: And as touching this earthly inheritance which it hath pleased God to endow me with, I will and bequeath in the manner, and form following, my debts and funeral charges being paid, that is to say,

Firstly. To my brother, Joseph Nichols I give and bequeath my plantation whereon I dwell, to him and his heirs forever.

Secondly. My stock, of meat, cattle to be equally divided betwixt my brother, Joseph Nichols, my sister, Elizabeth Riley, my nephew, John Riley, and my niece, Peggy Riley.

Thirdly. To Daniel Dogge, I give and bequeath one year, old kiper.

Fourthly. My sister, Elizabeth Riley to have her maintenance upon the land before mentioned as long as she chooses to live a widow.

Fifthly. To my nephew, John Riley, I give and bequeath one sowl mare.

Sixthly. To my brother, Joseph Nichols I give and bequeath all the remainder part of my horses.

Seventhly. All the remainder, and residue of my estate I desire to be equally divided betwixt my brother, Joseph Nichols, my sister, Elizabeth Riley, my nephew, John Riley and my niece, Peggy Riley.

Lastly. I appoint and nominate my friend Mr. John Roberts Merchant and my brother, Joseph Nichols Executors to this my last Will and Testament. As witness my hand and seal this 10th day of January, 1775.

Test

William Nichols Seal
mark,

John Gaillard
Nicholson Chester,

At New Hanover, Circuit Court 1775. The within Will was exhibited to the Court and proved on the oath of Nicholson Chester, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who swore he 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 this deponent, to be of sound mind and disposing mind and memory, and that John Gaillard signed with him as concerning evidence to the same.

John London. C. C.