

In the name of God Amen. I William Digford Sen
of County of New Hampshire, and State of North Carolina, being
of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for his mercies,
calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing
that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain
this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, Principally
and first of all, I give and bequeath my soul into the hands
of Almighty God that gave it; and my body I bequeath to
the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the dis-
cretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general
resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power
of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith
It hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose
of the same in the following manner, and form.

First. I give and bequeath to Sarah my dearly beloved wife, all
my household furniture, moveable effects and all other of my estate
(except such parts as shall be hereunder bequeathed) to be by her
disposed of amongst her children as she may think proper; and also
the plantation whereon I now live with all the improvements thereon
and all the land I possess adjoining the same on the east side of
Pills Creek, for the term of her natural life.

Also I give and bequeath my son William Digford, my son Jacob
Digford, my daughter Elizabeth, Askin, my son in law Allen
Fleming, my daughter Martha Digford, my son Edward Digford
and my daughter Margaret Digford, one shilling sterling each.
Also I give and bequeath to my son Timothy Digford all the lands
I possess on the west side of Pills Creek, to him, his heirs assigns forever
and also I give and bequeath my son Solomon the plantation
whereon I now live, with all the improvements thereon, and all the
lands I possess on the east side of Pills Creek, after the decease of his
mother, to him, his heirs and assigns forever. And in consider-
ation of Solomon, getting a plantation improved at the decease
of his mother, he is hereby enjoined to assist his brother Timothy
in building a dwelling house, kitchen, corn crib, smoke house,
and dairy, and in clearing ten acres of land.

And I hereby appoint my said beloved wife and William Jones
Executor and Executor, to this my last Will and Testament, and
I hereby revoke all other wills by me made.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 27th day
of March, in year of our Lord 1801.

signed, sealed, published and
declared in presence of

W Jones

William Digford. 

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
New Hanover County } March Term 1813

The execution of the within last Will and Testament of William Pickett was proved by the oath of William Bladworth, who swore he believed the signature of William Jones the subscribing witness thereto be in proper handwriting of the said William Jones. Ordered that the same be filed.

Witness

Amthly B. Jones, Clerk

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover County }

In the name of God. Amen.
I Thomas Pickett being in a low state of health, but of sound mind and memory, doth make, ordain and constitute this my last Will and Testament
First. I give my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping and believing a redemption of my sins; and my body to be decently interred by my Executors. My worldly estate I give and divide as follows.
I leave unto my loving wife Elizabeth Pickett the plantation containing 200 acres of land, where my son John Pickett now lives, and ten cows and calves, ten breeding sows, one sornel mare & saddle, one bed and furniture, half a dozen of plates, one table, one chest, one pot, two chairs, one three year old beef steer, 500 weight of Pork, 30 bushels corn; and after her decease to be equally divided among her four children.
And after my just debts are paid, I give and bequeath unto my four sons John, Hosea, Jacob and Ephraim, the remainder of my land, Ephraim 120 acres where my house stands; and the remainder of my property to be equally divided amongst John, Hosea, Jacob, Ephraim, Mary and Nancy, and 100 dollars to Mary, and 100 dollars to Nancy, to be paid by John, Hosea and Jacob out of their parts of the property.
Also I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Pickett five shillings sterling, which shall be paid out of my estate.
And I do hereby appoint John Pickett and Richard Nixon Executors to this my first and last Will and Testament, whereof I do hereby set my hand and fix my seal in the presence of us in the year of our Lord 1802 September 18th.
James R. R. }
George M. }
Rebecca M. }

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