William Bennett Sen. Will

In the name of God amen I William Bennett of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and Memory on this 18 day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and three make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say —

First I lend to my beloved Wife Eley Bennett during her Widowhood or Wife Mary Bennett Dead or Wife Women called Dolly or Wife Women Jenny or Wife Women Peggy or Wife Sam or Wife Tom Bob or the Women and Girl Lucinda also I lend to my said Wife all my Stock of Horses Cattle Sheep & Hogs all my beef of every kind also my House hold & Kitchen furniture with all the rest of the Property I now possess both within and without Doors except the property I shall hereafter give to my children also I lend to my said Wife the use of all the Land and Plantation I now possess to dwell and live upon for the use of my said Wife Eley during her Widowhood for her support as Raising and bringing up my Daughter Eley Bennett.

Secondly I give and to my Daughter Sally Allen the following slaves formerly given in her possession Namely Lizzie, Eley, Nick, Chloe, & Allen them and their increase to her and her Heirs forever —

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Bennett the following slaves formerly given in his possession Namely Sinay, Jack, Lizzy, Jenny, & Jack them and their increase to him the Heirs forever —

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my Daughter Rachel Stone or Pl. Dead of River in Gates County the following slaves Namely Lilly, Dick, Bennett, Rebecca, Lucy, & Jack them and their increase to her heirs forever —

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my Daughter Eley Bennett the following slaves Namely, Daniel, Dolly, Jenny, Peggy, Sam, Bob, Simon, London, Judy, Joseph, James, Abber, Lilly, Jacob, Rebecca & Ned them and their increase to her and her Heirs forever —

Also I give to my Daughter Eley Bennett all the land and Plantation known & described as follows Beginning at a gum in Bonny Swamp thence along a Pointing Line of marked Trees between Elijah Schenker and myself to a White oak in Jacob Pierce Line thence along a Line of marked trees to a Persimon Mill Bottom Swamp thence up the River of said swamp to the mouth of Peggy Branch thence up said Branch to a Poplar thence by a line of Marked Trees to a gum in Bonny Swamp thence down the River of Bonny Swamp to the Beginning containing by Estimation 523 Acres more or less to her and her Heirs forever —

Sixthly My Will and desire is that all the rest of my property shall my Wife Eley during her Widowhood should at her my said Wife Death or Marriage become the Property of my Daughter Eley Bennett for her and her Heirs forever —

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my Wife Eley Bennett and my friend Randall Bynum Executors to this my last Will and Testament the day and date above written —

In Witness whereof I have signed the last Will and Testament —

William Bennett Sen. (Seal)

Signed & Published in presence of
Mark Lee
Elias Powell

Northampton County ss. June Court 1806 —
Then the above Will of Will Bennett Sen. was proved in open Court by the Oaths of Mark Lee & Elias Powell and at same time Eley Bennett Qualified as Executrix to the said Will and ordered to be Certified & Recorded

Test W. M. Pierson C.C.