

William Burn's Will

In the name of God Amen I William Burn of Northampton County and State of North Carolina do make constitute and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following Vizt I bequeath and give my body to the Earth from whence it came, and my Soul to God that gave it and for the preventing any disputes that may arise I make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Vizt

- First I give and bequeath to my Son Barnaba Burn all my working Tools such as hand saw, Chisels, Hedges &c one Iron pot one Iron and further bed and furniture.
- 2^d I give to my Son William Burn one bed and furniture one Iron pot and one Bay Horse.
- 3^d I give to my Son in Law Sils Barker and Rene House one further bed and furniture.
- 4th I give to my Son James Burn one further bed and furniture, along with all my cattle, after my wife decess, I leave to be equally divided between Barnaba, William and Sils. I give to my wife Elizabeth one further Dish or Basin five plates eight Spoons. Lastly I nominate Sils Barker and Barnaba Burn to be my executor to this my last Will & Testament hereby depending on them to truly and honestly fulfill the same. In Witness whereof I the said William Burn hath hereunto set my hand and Seal this 20th day of October 1793.

Signed Sealed & Delivered } William & Burn & a Seal.
In the presence of }
Silas Barker }
Silas Davis }
Northampton County J^{ts} }
March Court 1794.

This Will of William Burn dec^d was proved by the Oath of Silas Barker and Silas Davis at the same time Silas Barker and Barnaba Burn qualified as Executors thereof & ordered to be Certified and recorded.

Witness
J^{ts} James B. B.

Thomas Bryan's Will

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Bryan of Northampton County living in a feeble state of health but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Vizt I give and bequeath my Soul to Almighty God and my body to the Earth to be decently entombed at the discretion of my Executors, and trusting such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I will and bequeath in the following manner

- 1st I do give and bequeath unto Barnabula Council my two plantations known by the name of Parkers place and Carvers place together with one half of my personal estate of every kind, I say to her and her heirs forever.
- 2^d I give and bequeath unto Mary Council the Land and plantation whereon I live together with all the remaining part of my personal estate of every kind I say to her and her heirs forever.

My Will and desire is that if either of them should die before they come of age or without heirs the estate of the deceased is to return to the other both real and personal. — My Will and desire is that the Land lying in the fork of Watauga & Gauley known by the name of Shumans place be sold in order to discharge my lawful debt. My Will and desire is that the Negroes be continued upon the plantation under the care of a good Overseer in order to support the family and keep up the Stock and what remains more than a competent support is to be sold for the benefit of the Legatee, also my desire and earnest request to my Executors is that they will have the Children brought up by some good industrious woman, who will bring them up to industry and other qualifications suitable for families. —

Lastly I do make and constitute Thomas Burn and William Balle Executors of this my last Will and Testament and that they shall have full power and authority to do as they think fit & most advantageous for the Legatee in respect to advising with Lawyers or having men qualified to do in any manner that may occur hereafter. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 22nd day of November in the year of our Lord 1793.

Signed Sealed acknowledged and delivered } Thomas Bryan & a Seal.
In presence of }
Henry Lawren }
Samuel Barker }
Cornelius Moore }
Northampton County J^{ts} March Court 1794.
This Will of Thomas Bryan dec^d was proved by the Oath of Samuel Barker one of the subscribing witnesses thereto at the same time Thomas Burn and William Balle qualified as Executors thereof & ordered to be Certified and recorded.
Witness
J^{ts} James B. B.