Samuel Mecom's nuncupative Will

In the name of God amen I Samuel Mecom of the County of Southampton and parish of Saint Luke; call to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and untho I am sick and weak, but of sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be to the Almighty God for it do make and ordain this writing as my last will and Testament in manner and form following it is my will that all my goods it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of them in manner and form following to wit

I give and bequeath my land and plantation whereon Barby Barnes now lives containing 327 acres and bounded by Dus Henis & Powell to Sam.l Mecom and recorded in the Court held for Southampton to my son Matthew Mecom also my negro by Charles to him and his Heirs forever my will and desire is that my plantation should be rented out for the most that can be got for it & the money should be for the schooling of my Children Matthew & Polly Mecom and as to my poor unfortunate woman I do not in justice think that I ought to make any provision for her as she has left me in the manner that she has when I was from home and the whole circumstance of the matter with her solemn protestation proving that she is determined never more to live with me but recommend it to her father to comply with his promise of supporting her in his House so long as she should live

I hereby revoke my Executor to sell all my estate except my land & negroes and the money arising from such sale should be equally divided between my two Children Matthew & Polly Mecom to them and their Heirs forever if either of my children should die without lawful Heir then my desire is that my surviving child should heir the whole of my estate my Will and desire is that my Children should be educated in as genteel a manner as their estate will admit of all arising the rent of the plantation and hire of the negro Charles for that purpose. —

I do constitute my Brother John Mecom & my beloved friend Nathan Marks my whole and sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament disannulling revoking and forever set aside all wills & forms of wills, legacies & bequests heretofore by me made ratifying and confirming this and no other as my Last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have interchangeably set my Hand and Seal this eighth day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety —

Signed Sealed published and declared in the presence of } a Seal

Northampton County ss. March Court 1794

The foregoing instrument of writing was exhibited into Court & proved by the Oaths of John Blount and Jacob Turner who proved it to be the hand writing of Samuel Mecom dec.d at the same time Nathan Marks qualified to execute the same, Ordered to be Certified and recorded.

Witness

A. Raynor CC

William Reams's Will

I William Reams of Northampton County in the province of North Carolina being in perfect health and of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. —

First I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Mary Reams one further bound servant to be at her own disposal.

Item I have unto my well beloved wife during her natural life all the residue of my estate both real and personal and after her death I have it to be equally divided between my Children that are then living

I do nominate constitute and appoint John Patterson and Nathaniel Doby Executors of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby revoke and disannul all former wills Legacies bequests and Executors by me before named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 2nd day of October in the year 1789. —

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said William Reams as his last will and Testament in presence of us the subscribers } William Reams & a Seal.

Jonathan Patterson
Joseph Patterson
William Patterson

Northampton County ss.
March Court 1794.

This will of William Reams dec.d was exhibited into Court and proved by the Affirmation of Jonathan Patterson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, at the same time John Patterson qualified as Executor thereof. Ordered to be Certified and Recorded.

Witness

A. Raynor CC