

Examined In the name of God Amen. I Benjamin Blake
of the County of Orange in the State of North Carolina (being
weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks
be given unto God) Calling unto mind the Mortality of my
body, and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die
do make and declare this my last Will and Testament
That is to say principally and first of all I give and
recommend my Body to the earth to be buried in decent
Christian burial and my Soul to almighty God that giveth
and as touching such Worldly Estate which it has pleased
God to give me in this life I give devise and Dispose of
the same in the following manner. First I give bequeath
to my Daughter Martha Cain Ten pounds in Specie with
what she had before. Also I give and bequeath to son
Benjamin Blake fifty pounds in Specie with what he
had before. Also I give and bequeath to my Daughter
Sarah Braswell Eighty five pounds in Specie for ever
Also I give and bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca Kapa
Eighty eight pounds in Specie for ever.
Also I give and bequeath to my Granddaughters and son of
Thomas Phillips named Penelope, Mary, John, William
and Hardy Phillips the sum of Fifty pounds in Specie
when they are of Lawfull age to be equally divided between
them for ever. Also I give and bequeath to my Grand
Children Sarah Cain, William Cain, son and Daughter
of Ebenezer Cain the sum of forty pounds in Specie as
they become of Lawfull age, equally to be divided between
them for ever. Also I give and bequeath to my Daughter
Penelope Blake one hundred pounds in Specie for ever.
Also I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Blake
one hundred pounds in Specie for ever.

Also I give bequeath to my Daughter Bethana Blake one hundred
pounds in Specie for ever. Furthermore it is my Will that my
three Youngest Daughters, Penelope, Ann, and Bethana Blake
shall be brought in a good reputable civil manner until they
are of Lawfull age, and as they become of Lawfull age to marry
that above said Legacies out of my Estate (Real or Personal)
I likewise appoint my Trusty friend Edward Fule my near
Neighbour Trustee of this my last Will and Testament.

Lastly I give bequeath and Devise after my Lawfull debts
are paid all the residue or remainder of my whole Estate
Lands and Tenements Claims of Lands, Household Goods,
Negroe Slaves Cattle Horses Bulls Bonds Book Debts with
all manner of Moveables whatsoever to my son John Blake
and his heirs for ever whom I likewise constitute make &
declare my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament
and I do hereby utterly Revoke and Disannul all
any other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, Bequests and
Executions by me in anywise before named, Willed and
bequeathed, Ratifying this and no other to be my last
Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my Seal this second day
of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred and Eighty three

Benjamin Blake
Signed Seal Published Pronounced
and Declared by the said Benjamin Blake
as his Last Will and Testament in the
presence of us.

Enoch Lewis
James Price
William Tice

{ Not sworn, and his heirs for ever
entered before sealed on the 23rd day

Orange County N.C. May 1783
The Execution of the within Will of Benjamin Blake Dec'd was duly
proven in open Court by the Oath of James Price & William Tice subscribing
witness thereto forsores to be recorded at the Court of the County of Orange N.C.

Rec'd August 28th 1782. of Ralph Williams the full sum
of one thousand and five pounds in Silver Certificates, being the
full Purchase of a Negro man named Africa, formerly the
Property of Thomas Wright or Barker. Sold by us at Public
Verous Agreeable to the Congregation Law.

John Ramsey } Comm^r of Gen^l }
John Montgomery } C^l }
Jachⁿ Hermon } Chatham.

I hereby these Presents Transfer and make over my Right &
Property of the above mentioned Negro Man Africa, unto
William Courtenay, have, have full Value of him this 28th
day of August 1782

Ralph Williams

Test John Ramsey
Jachⁿ Hermon
John Montgomery

Orange County p August Court 1782

The Execution of the within Bill of Sale was duly Ack^d
in open Court and Ordine to be Record^d

Test

J. S. Benton C. C.

Know all men by these Presents that I John Sears of
North Carolina for and in Consideration one hundred pounds
of Good and Lawful money of this Province to me in hand paid
by John Broth of the said Province at and before the executing
and Delivering of these Presents wherewith I bind myself to
be fully Satisfie Contract and paid have bargain and sold
and by Presents so fully and clearly and absolutely Bargain
sell unto the said John Broth all my Right of my Father's
Estate that falls to me after my Mother's death of both land
and Negroes and every thing else to have and to hold the said
Estate to the said John Broth his heirs Executors Admin^{rs}

against all People, shall and will Warrant August and forever
defend. In witness I have hereunto set my hand and Seal
this 27th day of August 1781.

John Sears (Seal)
John Carter }
John Boothe (Seal)

Orange County p August Court 1782

The Execution of the within Bill of Sale from John
Sears to John Boothe was duly Proved in open Court by
the oath of John Carter one of the subscribing witnesses
thence and Ordine to be Record^d

Test J. S. Benton C. C.

The State of North Carolina Orange County May the
Twentythree one thousand seven hundred and Eighty three
A Dec^r of gift made by me Luky Capellbury of the County of Orange
I do give and bequeath to my Loving Daughter Gilly and to my
daughter Mary, and to my daughter Nopy and to my daughter
Elizabeth and to my daughter Ruth, and to my daughter Rose and
my son Solomon and to my Daughter and to my Grand daughter
Pety all my Estate to be equally divide between these Children
after my death. I say the third part of the Estate of Paul
Capellbury Deced^t that is now in being such Horss, Cattle
Hogs and Sheep, household Furniture and all other small necessaries
that is in being at this time, this Dec^r shall stand good in Law
and shall be Record^d in this County Court. This Dec^r of
gift made by me this day is to keep any Person or Persons
from taking of any of this Estate for any Debt due or demand
Contracted by Paul Capellbury or to his Executors or Administrators
after his death. I say signs seals and Deliver in the Presence of
Thomas Roberts, Joseph Capellbury, Susanah Capellbury

The third part of Paul Capellbury's Estate belongs to me as my share of the gift. This Dec^r of gift was acknowledged in open Court by
Orange County, August Court 1782. The Execution of the above Dec^r of gift was acknowledged in open Court by
Susanah Capellbury & Susanah Roberts, and on motion ordered to be record^d.

Test J. S. Benton C. C.