

In the name of God Amen I William Forrest being at present in health blessed be God I do make this my last Will and Testament as follows To wit I give to my son Shadrach One Dollar, then to my son Gresham all the Land lying in the Fork to my son Joel all the Land above the Spring branch on the North side of Elbees Creek the plantation where I live and all the Land on the South side of Elbees of the said Fork I give to my son William To my loving Wife Louisa I give one Negro Boy named Abram and all the rest of my Estate I give to her during her life or widowhood To my son Sipe I leave a maintenance out of the said Estate according to the Convention of my Wife with the approbation of the Justices and at her death to be equally divided amongst my three begotten of her body unto which I constitute & appoint Edward Gresham & Archer & my beloved Wife Louisa Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I direct for my disposing in Writing whereof I have hereunto set my Hand this Eighth day of August in the year 1777

Edward Gresham Junr
Isaac Forrest

William Forrest

Orange County, August Court 1778. The Execution of the above Will was duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of Edward Gresham Junr & Isaac Forrest the subscribing Witnesses thereto, and Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste J. P. Rochester Clk

In the name of God Amen I Martin Say of Orange County being very sick & weak, but in perfect mind and memory. Thanks be to God for calling unto me the mortality of my body, and knowing that I am appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally & first I give & recommend my soul into the hand of allmighty God that give it, & my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting at the general Resurrection I shall revive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in the life I give & dispose of the same in the following manner and form that is to say, first of all I recommend to my Executors to pay my Debts out of my Estate, and to my Poster may I give and devise two Cows & Calfs, and to my beloved Wife Catharine I give all my moveable Estate during her Widowhood and to her on the place and after her decease the Land and plantations belongs to my son Henry Say, and also I give to my son George Say one Acre of Land lying his land on the South corner and between

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constitute make and ordain Jacob Allbright and George Say my sole Executors after my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand this 15th day of July 1777

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in the presence of us

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Henry Gresham
Isaac C. Sharp
Mark

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Martin Say Seal
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Orange County, May Court 1779

The Execution of the above Will was duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of Henry Gresham & Isaac Sharp the subscribing Witnesses thereto & Ordered to be Recorded

Teste J. P. Rochester Clk

I Jacob Vain of the County of Orange and State of North Carolina, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament as follows To wit:

I Will that all my just Debts may be paid, as speedily as may be, by my Executors & Executors hereafter named I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Louisa Vain one third part of all my stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Quarters ready money and of every other thing belonging to me not herein set forth I give to my child with which my wife is now pregnant the other two thirds of all my property as above described vizt Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Quarters ready money and every other article that I have a just claim to not here enumerated, and it is my Will that the Legacy bequeathed to my child as aforesaid be disposed of to the best advantage, and the money arising therefrom to be laid out upon Interest by my said Executors & Executors until the child arrive at the age of twenty one years or until its marriage and if the said child should happen to be a son my Will is, that my estate should be reserved for his use, but if it should happen to be a Daughter, then and in that case, I Will that my wearing apparel be divided amongst my Brothers or the survivors of them, and provided the child should not be born alive or live before it comes of Lawfull age, in either case it is my Will and I do hereby give and bequeath and the half of the legacy so bequeathed to the child as above to my said Wife Louisa Vain and the same as well as the one third part of my Estate bequeathed to her as above to be at her own disposal only, the other half of the legacy Willed to the child as aforesaid if it should not live to come of age I give to my Brothers or the survivors of them share and share alike, I nominate and appoint my beloved wife

Wife Joanna Cain Executrix and my friend Isaac Allen of the said County Executor of this my Testament and last Will, and I do hereby revoke and Rescind all and every former Will by me made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Sixth day of August One thousand seven hundred & Seventy Nine

signed sealed published & declared by the said Jacob Cain the Testator as and for his Testament & last Will in the presence of us who have at his request set our names as Witnesses, and in the presence of each other

his
Jacob Cain
mark

James Fox
Wm & Leah
mark
M. Johnston

Orange County, August Court 1779

The Execution of

the above Will was duly proved in open Court by the Oath of M^r Johnston a subscribing Witness thereto, and Ordered to be Recorded

Test J^{ts} M^r Rochester &c

In the name of God Amen. I Robert Abernethy of the County of Orange and State of North Carolina Gent^l being weak in Body, but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given unto God, calling to 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 & Testament, that is to say principally & first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the Hand of almighty God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named, and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner To wit

First I give to my loving son Charles Abernethy two Negroes, one named Belle the other named Rachel to him and his heirs forever, I also give bequeath & devise all that Tract or parcel of Land on Albemarle Creek where I now dwell to my son Charles Abernethy his Heirs & assigns forever

Also I give bequeath and devise to my loving son Robert Abernethy three Negroes named Roger, Dick & Peter, and my Copper Still & Haff to him and his heirs forever

I give to my daughter Jenny Mehan five pounds Current Money of North Carolina State & no more; And the residue of my Estate both real & personal after payment of all my just Debts by Money due, Debt, Call, Hogg, House hold Goods with all the Movable

whatsoever, I give and bequeath to my loving sons Charles Abernethy and Robert Abernethy (to be equally divided between them) to them and each of them and their heirs forever

Lastly I nominate constitute & appoint my sons Charles Abernethy & Robert Abernethy Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and Rescinding all other Will or Wills by me made either in word or Writing In Witness whereof I the said Robert Abernethy have to this my last Will and Testament set my Hand & affixed my Seal this Thirty first day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred & Seventy Nine

signed sealed, published and declared by the said Robert Abernethy the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us

Robert Abernethy

William Laxon
James Down
mark
Ezekiel Lewis

Orange County, August Court 1779

The Execution of

the above Will was duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of M^r Laxon & James Down two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, and Ordered to be Recorded

Test J^{ts} M^r Rochester &c

Orange County November Court 1779

February Court 1780

In the Name of God Amen

The Twenty fourth of January in the year of our Lord 1779 I George Hill of the County of Orange and Province of North Carolina being very sick and weak in Body, but perfect mind and Memory Thanks be given unto God for the same and Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die, do make an Ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God that gave all, and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executor nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall revive the same again by the mighty power of God and touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give Dispose of the same in Manner and form Following that is to wit