

In the name of God amen, the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of November  
in the Year of our Lord 1765 I Robert Gate of Orange  
County & Province of North Carolina being very Sickly  
& Weak in Body but of perfect mind & Memory thanks be  
unto God therefore willing to mind the mortality of my  
Body & knowing that it is appointed for all men to  
die, do make & ordain this my last will & Testament that  
in to say Principally, I give of all I own unto my self  
unto the hands of God that gave it & for my Body I recommend  
I unto the hands to be buried in a Christian like & decent  
manner at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting  
but that at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same  
again, by the mighty power of God & as touching such worldly  
Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this  
life I give Divided & disposed of in the following manner  
I give to my well beloved wife Elizabeth I give & bequeath  
the half of my Estate after my taxes & honest Debts are paid  
I give & bequeath unto my son Richard, the Plantation  
whereon I now live after his mother's Decease  
I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah the 1/3  
whereon she now lives I give I nominate my Grand Daughter  
Anne, the Daughter of my son Thomas for to have an Equal part of  
my Estate with my sons & Daughters & I do nominate &  
appoint my son Thomas & Joseph, to be my Executors of  
my Estate according to my Will

Witness my hand & seal  
this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1765  
Robert Gate Senr.

Elizabeth Gate Senr.  
Mary Gate Senr.

At and before the Court of Pleas & Quarter for the County  
of Orange, in North Carolina on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May  
Present his Majesty's Hon. the Governor of the within will  
was duly proved by the Oath of Elizabeth Gate one of the subscribing  
Executors thereto & sworn to be the said

Test

Francis Smith

In the name of God amen. Joseph Wade of Orange  
County North Carolina being in a weak State of health but  
in perfect sense and memory do constitute make & ordain  
this my last will & Testament revoking & annulling all  
former wills and Testaments by me heretofore made  
In witness whereof I have signed my last will to the hands  
of Almighty God who first gave it me, & my body to the  
Earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executors  
hereafter mentioned, hoping through the merits of my  
Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ of a joyful  
Resurrection in the last day, and as for what worldly Estate I  
hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with I give and bequeath  
as follows Viz. I give and bequeath to my son John  
Wade one Dollar, I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary  
Scratchers one Dollar I give & bequeath to my Daughter  
Lucy one Dollar, I give and bequeath to my  
Daughter Elizabeth Sally one Dollar, I give & bequeath unto  
my son James Wade three Negroes Viz. Nancy Roger & Will  
after my Wife's Decease, to the said James Wade paying to Joseph  
Scratchers, my grand son ten pounds current money of Virginia also  
I give & bequeath unto my son James Wade the Lower part of the  
Land whereon I now live, to him and his heirs forever, the said  
Land to be divided by a straight line running from the mouth  
of a branch below the head of Snow River to the head of a branch that  
makes in against a branch in Little River also one feather bed  
& furniture and all the remaining part of my stock that is not other  
ways disposed of in my will after all my lawful Debts and  
Legacies are paid I give & bequeath unto my Daughter  
Lucy Powell two Negroes Viz. Moll & her Jenny, also the residue  
of the Land that I live on, to her & her heirs forever and also one  
feather bed and furniture, first Snow & her Mollies ab. 100 Molls

Specie