

Wrest to her, his Hairs and Appoyes for Ever them I give  
 to my Belov'd wife Jan for the use of my said Children all  
 the Clothing, plus and felter now in my House to be used as  
 she shall think fitt and Convenient. Item I give and  
 Requite to my said Son James one Pistole also I give  
 and Requite to my said Son Alexander one Pistole and  
 and my Lane them all the Rest and Residue of my  
 Estate not here in before given and Disposed of I  
 desire to be sold and one third Part thereof to be given  
 my said wife and the Remainder to be Equally divided  
 amongst my said Children Share & Share alike and I  
 have my Loving friend Eli M. Daniel and my Belov'd  
 wife Executors of this my last will and Testament and  
 my loving Friends William Rogers and James Murielle  
 Guardians to see the same duly Executed here by Revoking  
 and Disannulling all other and former Wills and Testaments  
 here to be here made and this only to be my last will  
 and Testament to which I have set my hand and Seal  
 this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1771.

Signed Sealed Published & Proclaimed  
 by the said Abi. Rufell as for his  
 last will & Testament in the presence  
 of us the subscribers

William Hannah }  
 Nathaniel Lyon }  
 Pasiah Black }  
 the words and Saddle  
 between the seventh and  
 eighth lines from the top  
 being interlined before  
 signed & also the words  
 & following being first  
 interlined

North Carolina }  
 Orange County } January Term our Court 1772  
 The Execution of the within Will was duly  
 proved in open Court by the Oath of William Rogers  
 and Ordered to be Recorded  
 Test J. Mash C.C.

In the Name of god Amen  
 I John Bryer of North Carolina Orange County being unwell but  
 of perfect Sense and memory, but knowing it is appointed me for  
 all men to die do think proper to make this my last will and  
 Testament in Manner and form following to wit first I  
 principally I yield my Soul to god who gave it hoping through  
 the Merits of his Dear Son to obtain Parada for all my Sins and  
 my Body to be Buried in a Christian Manner at the Discretion  
 of my Executors and what Estate it hath pleased god to  
 send me after my Just debts be paid I give and Requite  
 as follows to wit, Item I give to my Son Robert Bryer that  
 Part of Land on the Head of Barons Creek in Granville  
 County being 600 Acres and also my Negro man named  
 Will and what I have already given him and my account  
 against him on my Book to him and his heirs Lawfully Right  
 to his Heirs for Ever, Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth  
 Hoaning all that I have already given to her and her heirs  
 Pound as she Remov'd of me to her heirs for Ever, Item  
 I give to my Daughter Rhoda Stone my Negro man named  
 Pompey and two fowls Kites one Leather Head & Furniture one  
 Mare and Saddle what Estate she hath already Received  
 to her and her Heirs for Ever Item I give to my Daughter  
 Mildred Wamock my Negro named Frank & two Cows and  
 Calves one Leather Head and Furniture one Mare and Saddle

all already Received to his heirs for Ever I then Give to my Daughter Sarah by my Negro man named Harry and two Cows and Calves one Feather Bed and Furniture and one Man and Saddle already Received to his heirs for Ever I then Give to my Grandson John Poyer Son to Green Poyer all that Land I purchased of Jacob Alday and also that Land I purchased of Robert Mearly both on May field and also my Negro woman named Sue and also my Negro Girl named Dinah also my Negro Girl Guda and three Incease and a Horse Saddle and two Cows Calves one Feather Bed and Furniture when he shall arrive to Twenty one years to him and his heirs for Ever which have already delivered to green Poyer I then Give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Perkins my Negro woman named Mall and her Incease and two Cows Calves one Feather Bed and Furniture one Horse and Saddle already Received to her, his heirs for Ever I then Give to my Grand Daughter Betty Green Poyer my Negro Girl named Oley and her incease and also my tract of Land on Adams Creek adjoining Hugh Barnett when she shall arrive to lawfull years or Marries to his and his heirs for Ever I then Give to my Daughter Rachael Pope my Negro Boy named Egea one Feather Bed & Furniture two Cows and Calves one Young man and Saddle what Estate she hath already Received to his three heirs for Ever I then Give to my daughter Dorothy Poyer my Negro Girl named Cor & one Feather Bed and Furniture two Cows Calves one Horse or Man and Saddle when she arrives to lawfull Age or Marries to his, and his heirs for Ever I then Give to my Daughter Anntha Poyer when she arrives to lawfull Age or marries my Negro Boy named Ben and two Cows and Calves one Feather Bed & Furniture and one or more Saddle

to her and her heirs for Ever, I then Give to my Son John Henry Poyer the Land and Plantation where I now dwell and also my Negro Girl named Phillis and two Cows and Calves one Feather Bed and Furniture and one young Horse and Saddle to him and his heirs for Ever, I then Give to my Son Abner Poyer all that Land I purchased of Frederick Kerlock and also that Land that Moses Walker owns and also that Land on Dics as I bought the Improvements of Blackby Martin and also my Negro Boy named Cole and two Cows Calves and one Feather Bed and Furniture and one Horse & Saddle and also that tract of Land that I look up adjoining the Land I purchased of Frederick Kerlock to him and his heirs for Ever I then Give to my Grandson John Poyer Smith my Negro Girl named Bilit and if she dies before she comes of Age then my will is that he be paid out of my Estate forty pounds Virginia Money to him and his heirs for Ever, I also give my tract of Land I purchased of Anna Tophy Junr 301 Acres on Flat River be sold and the Money divide amongst my Daughters and if either of my Children should die before they come of lawfull Age or Marries then their Estate with Real and Personal be Equally Divide amongst those of my Children as shall be then living and if either of them Negroes above mentioned should die before the owner of them comes of Age or marries that then be paid at their coming of Age or marries out of my Estate forty pounds Virginia Currency and I bind to my wife Margaret Poyer during his Natural life or widowhood the use of my Plantation and where I now dwell and also and also the use of my Negroes Sam Mearah Poyus Kan Jan Jura Jane Hannah Punch Captain In Newburn and my young Negro Kate not yet named in my will and also the use of my

Personal Estate to gather all my Stock of all kinds and two  
 Shells which Shells I gave to John Henry Poyer and About the  
 large one to John Henry Poyer and the Small One to Abner Poyer  
 and at the End of his life or widowhood my decess all  
 my Estate of what kind so ever lent to my wife and  
 Executors lent to my wife as aforesaid be Equally  
 Divided amongst such of my Children as shall be then  
 living lastly I do appoint my son in law William Stone  
 and my son in law David Warnock and my wife  
 Margaret Poyer Executors & Co-executors of this my  
 last will & Testament Resting all other Wills Given  
 Under my hand & Seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September  
 1771

Signed Sealed & Delivered  
 in presence of us  
 & then In witness whereof  
 before Sealed

Burgis Harrison  
 Joseph Hicks  
 Peter Rogers

John Poyer Seal

North Carolina  
 Orange County } January Inferior Court 1772

The Execution of the within Will was  
 duly proved in Chen Court by the Oath of Burgis Harrison  
 and Jo<sup>s</sup> Hicks and Ordered to be Recorded

Test. T. Nash Clk.

In the Name of god Amen

The twentieth Seventh day of February in the Year of our Lord 1764  
 I David Penter of North Carolina in the County of Orange and Parish  
 of Saint Matthews yeoman Being Very Sick and Weak in Body  
 Out of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto god  
 therefore calling unto 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 and Testament that is to say  
 principally and first of all I give and Recommend my soul  
 unto the hands of god that gave it and for my Body I commend  
 it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent Manner  
 at the discretion of my Executors Nothing doubting but at the  
 General Resurrection I shall Receive the Same again by the  
 mighty power of god and as Touching such worldly Estate  
 which with it hath pleased god to bestow on me in this life I give  
 Devise and Dispose of the Same in the following Manner  
 and form I promise it is my will and I do Order that in the  
 first place all my Just Debts and funeral Charges be Paid  
 and Satisfied - Item I give and Bequeath unto Margaret my dear  
 beloved wife the Bay Steer Mare and her Saddle & Bridle together  
 with her Bed and Bed clothes and her Mantle <sup>out</sup> of the Estate  
 During her life if she do not marry but if she should  
 marry let her next Husband provide for her Item I give to  
 my well beloved son John Penter the Steer with the white  
 Mare and Sack Item I give to my two Sons William and  
 David Penter three Acres and a piece for ever all my  
 Plantation when or I now dwell to be as Equally divided  
 Between them as Joseph Item I give to my daughter Martha  
 Ann Penter's Proclamation Money and the little Black Mare  
 when she comes to the Age of Eighteen Years and her