

In the name of God amen, the 5th 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 once 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
Ann, 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 of Pub. Lib. & in
Presence of us as Rob.
Gate last will & Testament
Witness
Elizabeth Gate
Rob. Gate

At and before Court of Pleas & Quarter & before County
of Orange, in North Carolina on the second Tuesday in May
Present his Majesty's Hon. the Execution of the within will
was duly proved by the oath of Elizabeth Gate one of the subscribing
Executors thereto & sworn to be proved

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Francis Steel Esq.

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
Scrathorn, one Dollar I give & bequeath to my Daughter
Lucy Wade 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
Scrathorn, 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 Males about 100 Mules

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Spice mortar, one Iron pot and potted plates and boxes —
 Iron and heaters one large potted Dish my Wife's —
 Riding Saddle & bridle to be here after my wife's Decease —
 Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughters Sarah —
 Fountain one Negro Girl named Jemmy to be here after —
 my wife's Decease — Item I give & bequeath unto my
 loving wife Sarah Wade, all the Residue of my Estate —
 both real & Personal, during her life, and that she may
 not be mistreated, on the Plantation whereon I now live so long
 as she shall live Item I appoint my son James Wade —
 & my son in law Joseph Powell Executors of this my last
 Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand & seal this third Day of January and Thirteen —
 Seven hundred & fifty Seven —

Signed Sealed and Delivered, Joseph Wade Seal
 in Presence of us
 William Bradford
 Samuel Burdett

In the Name of God amen. David Ballbockton
 of Orange County and Province of North Carolina, being weak —
 in Body but of sound Memory, thanks be to god but not —
 knowing how soon there may be change so this third Day of
 January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven —
 Hundred and sixty Seven do make and Ordain this my
 Last Will and Testament in manner and form following —
 that is to say, First I commend my Immortal Soul unto
 the hands of Almighty God, that gave it being, through the
 Merits of my Beloved Redeemer to inherit Life everlasting
 and as to my Mortal Body I commit to the Earth from

whence it was taken to be at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter
 mentioned Item I give & bequeath my Loving wife
 (after my Debt is paid) the Plantation whereon I now dwell also my
 two Negroes Sam and Dick and all that is upon or belonging
 to the said Plantation, during her widowhood or life I desire
 that no more land may be cleared over the Creek but of this Side
 also I desire that each of Sons when they come of Age shall have
 a New Suit of Cloaths at ten pounds ten Shillings Virginia
 Money Price and a New Saddle and all Horses or Mares at ten pounds
 Price Virginia Money the Saddle at two pounds five Shillings
 Irish money, and my son Charles which is now a child and
 if he remains so shall have good Learning if he will be able
 to receive it and have his free Board upon the Plantation, his
 Mother's Life. At my wife's Death or Marriage I desire that
 my Land and Negroes shall be divided among my
 Children as followeth, I suspect my wife is now with Child &
 if it comes to Perfection and is a Boy I give and bequeath unto
 it one Hundred Acres of Land on the east side of the Creek —
 joining the North Land with the Dwelling house on it —
 Item I give unto my son Charles one hundred & thirty Acres
 of Land at Upper joining the upper line and upon both sides
 of the Creek Item I give unto my son Thomas one hundred
 and sixty Acres of Land joining the Lower Land & West land
 Item my Land upon the Crooked fork I have to be Equally
 Divided, between my two Sons David John and William —
 according to Quantity & Quality, and the Child before mentioned
 when it proves a Girl I give no Land but an Equal share of the
 Best of my Estate with Cloaths Horses & Saddle according to
 the Boys, and Thomas to have his part where the Dwelling
 house stands and William to have that part of Land that
 Thomas was to have and the Crooked fork to be equally
 Divided between my two Sons David John according to
 Quantity