

North Carolina  
Orange County May Court 1776 The Execution of the written  
Will was duly proved in open Court by the Testa-  
of James Bumppo one of the Subscribing Witnesses  
Witness and Ordered to be Recorded

Test. F. Nash C.C.

In the name of God, Amen, the tenth day of March in  
the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & twenty six  
William Bumpo of the County of Orange Province of North  
Carolina, being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and  
memory, thanks be to God for the same, therefore witness the  
mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed unto  
all men one to to die do make and ordain this my last will  
and Testament principally and first of all I give and bequeath  
my person and immortal soul into the hands of God that  
gave it me, and after my body I command it to the Earth  
to be buried in a decent Christian like manner and that  
at the direction of my Executors whom herein after I shall  
appoint nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection  
I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God  
and as touching my worldly Estate wherewithal it has been  
pleased God in this life to bless me with in this life, after  
my just Debts and funeral expenses are paid I give devise  
and bequeath to followeth (several) Item, I give and bequeath  
to my well beloved father Robert Bumpo all that Tract or  
parcell of Land wherein I now live also to my  
man named Bill to him and his heirs & assigns forever  
Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Mary Bumpo  
all the rest of my <sup>real</sup> Estate to her and her heirs & assigns forever, my  
prise is that my Estate be not appraised but the Legacies be divided  
in kind as they are mentioned Item I make and Ordain my two  
and twenty hundreth Gabriel Davis and Mary Bumpo & Edward  
Bumpo sole Executors of this my last will and Testament  
witnessing this and another to be my last & Testament In witness  
whereof I have set my hand & seal  
James Bumppo  
James Bumppo  
James Davis

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Bartram one of the Subscribing Witnesses Ordered  
to be Recorded,

Test. F. Nash C.C.

In the name of God, Amen, I James Watson of the Town of Hillsborough  
in the County of Orange and province of North Carolina,  
being weak in Body, but of sound memory & Judgment (thankster  
unto God therefore) do this fifth day of December in the  
year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy six  
make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner  
following (cont'd)

Item, my Will is that my Land on the head branch of Elliboo  
brick be rented out or leased at the discretion of my Executors  
herein after named, and out of the money arising out of such  
Rent or lease I give and bequeath Ten Pounds per Annum  
to my Grand Daughter Helen  
Pound to her other Hous  
forever

Item I give devise & bequeath the above mentioned Land on the head  
Branch of Elliboo brick to my grandsons James Reed, Robert  
Reed, William Reed & Nelson Reed, to them & their Heirs, legatees  
forever. Provided nevertheless that in case of the Death of  
my Son in Law William Reed, before my Daughter Helen  
Reed to have the free use & enjoyment of the above Land  
during her natural life

Item I give & bequeath to my grandsons James Reed, Robert Reed,  
William Reed & Nelson Reed all my Right Title & Property  
of a piece of Land on Elliboo brick, containing four hundred  
Acres (for which I have paid to Earl Granville Office  
the Money for entering Surveying) to them & their Heirs  
forever

Item I give and bequeath to Grand Daughter Helen Watson Ten  
pounds per Annum to her other Hous forever

Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Rebekah Watson  
Ten pounds per Annum to her other Hous forever

turn over

33) Item I give & bequeath to my Grand Daughter  
Sarah Smith Money to her Use forever

Item I give & bequeath to my son James Wilson all my Arms, Horsy  
Stable and all my wearing apparel to him & his Successors

Item I give to my grandson James Wilson all my Household  
Furniture & all the residue of my Estate to him & his Heirs  
forever

Lastly I make and declare my trusty and well beloved friends  
my son James Wilson William Clinton James Morris  
Eight & half Nathaniel Rochester Executor of this my last  
Will & Testament humbly requesting all former Wills by me  
made. In witness whereof I the said James Wilson have  
hereunto set my Hand Seal the day and year above written

Attest Published and  
Declar'd in presence of

J. Wilson

1777

Orange County, August Court 1777.

The Execution of the within Will was only  
proved in open Court by the Oaths of William Courtney, by parity  
of Hands and Ordered to be Recorded

Test. North Rochester Esq

In the Name of God Amen. I Ledorowit Clapp of the County  
of Orange and Province of North Carolina being too the abundant  
mercy and goodness of God to sink in body yet of sound and  
perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last  
Will and Testament and desire it to be used by all as such  
Inasmuch I most humble beseech my soul to God my maker  
blessing his most gracious acceptance of it to the all sufficien  
t wants and mediation of my most compasseionate Redemeer Jesus  
Christ who giveth himself to be an attonement for my sins and is  
able to save to the uttermost all that com unto God  
by him, seeing he ver lies to make intercession for them and who  
I trust will not reject me a returning penitent sinner when  
I com to him for mercy in this honeste concidense I under upon my  
soul with comfort humbly beseeching the most blessed glorius  
Trinity

Unto one God most Holy most Merciful and gracious prabatur  
for the time of Restitution and then to lach me to himself into his  
bless and rest and incomparable felicity with he has prepared for  
those that love and fear his Holy name, Amos, Clapp by God  
Insumis, I give my body to the Earth from whence it was taken in  
full assurance of its Reparation, from thence at the last day, as for  
my Burial & Corpse it may lawfully descend without pomp or had at  
the discretion of my dear wife as no Lazarus daughter I could not  
well manage it well, Then I give to my dear and loving wife for  
time of life this House whereon I now dwelle and Mill and all my  
Stock and Houseling goods and One hundred Acres of Land and of  
the lower end of said tract where the Mill is and about sixe rod shall  
have to rise and lower the water to the Mill, not to be denied of  
any passage or passow by her selfe or any one hereafter, and  
Then I give to my Son John the overblout of said Tract of land  
where the Mill is in along the upper end of sd. whic h is to be known  
hundred and Sixty Acres of Land to him and to his Heirs or assigns  
forever and after my beloved Wifes Death all my Stock and Houseling  
goods is to be sold and the vold amongst my Sons and Tutors  
equally alight, and so likewise the Mill and what is belorange to it  
and in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affest  
my seal on the Twenty fifth Day of July in the year of our Lord  
1778

Signed Silas and Clewells  
in the presence of us

John Graves  
Ledorowit <sup>the</sup> & living  
mark  
George Courtney

Timothy Clapp Seal  
which is  
Ledorowit Clapp

Orange County, February County Court 1778. The Execution  
of the within Will was only proved in open Court by the Oaths  
of John Graves and Ledorowit living two of the subscribing  
Witnesses thereto, and Ordered to be Recorded

Test. North Rochester Esq