I Bryan Grimes of the county of Pitt being of sound and disposing mind and memory and aware of the uncertainty of life do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament

1st I devise and bequeath to my son William Grimes my farm and the lands adjoining ~~my farm~~ thereto on the south side of Pamlico River (including herein all the lands which I now own) and all my stock of horses mules cattle hogs vehicles and plantation tools and utensils of every kind and description and for the use of said farm and enabling him the more conveniently to carry on the same if my death should happen before the month of April in any year I bequeath him 500 barrels of corn if it should happen after the month of March and before the month of July I bequeath him 375 barrels of corn — if after the months of June and before the month of October I bequeath him 250 barrels of corn — if after the month of September I bequeath him 125 barrels corn — I also bequeath him all the fodder which may have on hand at my death

The above devises and bequeaths to my son William are made to him subject to and charged with the payment by him of the sum of thirty five thousand Dollars which I bequeath as follows

I bequeath to my grandson Bryan Grimes the son of Bryan Grimes junior twenty thousand dollars to be retained by my son William and by him appropriated to the education of my said grandson and the balance which may remain after his education to be paid to my said grandson when he shall attain the age of twenty one years provided my said grandson shall in the opinion of my said son William be discreet and prudent and of good and economical habits and the said bequest shall be retained by my said son William until in his opinion ~~the~~ said grandson shall acquire such prudence and discretion as would induce him to take care of and until my said son William shall think it prudent to pay over the same he shall hold it as a trustee for my said grandson to pay the profits thereof to the use of my said grandson and interest shall not be charged against my said son for the said twenty thousand dollars or the balance in his hands after educating my said grandson until my said grandson shall attain the age of twenty one years

I bequeath ten thousand dollars of the same sum to be paid by my said son William to my grandson Wm. Grimes Cooper son of my daughter Mary B. Cooper to be retained by my son William and by him appropriated to the education of my said grandson and the balance which may remain after his education to be paid to my said grandson when he shall attain the age of twenty one years provided my said grandson shall in the opinion of my said son William be discreet and prudent and of good and economical habits and the said bequest shall be retained by my said son William until in his opinion my said grandson shall acquire such prudence and discretion as would induce him to take care of it — and until my said son William shall think it prudent to pay over the same he shall hold it as if as trustee for my said grandson to pay the profits thereof to the use of my said grandson and interest shall not be charged against my said son on the said ten thousand dollars or the balance which shall remain in his hands after the education of my said grandson until my said grandson shall attain the age of twenty one years

I bequeath the remaining five thousand dollars of the said sum to be paid by my said son William to Bryan Grimes Grist son of John W. Grist of Washington to be paid by my said son William to the said Bryan Grimes Grist when he shall attain the age of twenty one years provided the said Bryan Grimes Grist shall in the opinion of my said son William be prudent and discreet and of good and economical habits and the said bequest shall be retained by my said son William until in his opinion the said Bryan Grimes Grist shall acquire such prudence and discretion as would induce him to take care of it and until my said son William shall think it prudent to pay over the same he shall hold it as a trustee for the said Bryan Grimes Grist to pay the profits thereof to the use of the said Bryan Grimes Grist and interest shall not be charged against ~~my~~ said son on the said five thousand dollars until the said Bryan Grimes Grist shall attain the age twenty one years

It is my will that my son William Grimes shall not pay or be charged with any interest upon said sum of thirty five thousand dollars or upon the said legacies to my two grandsons and to Bryan Grimes Grist until they shall respectively attain the age of twenty one years and the expenses of education of my two grandsons are to be taken from the principal sum and my said son William is to receive no commissions and to charge no interest on his disbursements for the education of my said grandsons

If my grandson Bryan Grimes shall die before he attains the age of twenty one years or before my said son William shall deem it prudent to pay over the legacy herein given to him then I bequeath the said legacy which may remain in the hands of my said son William to my son Bryan Grimes

If my grandson Wm. Grimes Cooper shall die before he attains the age of twenty one years or before my said son William shall deem it prudent to pay the legacy herein given to him, then I bequeath all the said legacy which may remain in the hands of my said son to my daughter Mary B. Cooper

If the said Bryan Grimes Grist shall die before he shall attain the age of twenty one years or before my said son William shall deem it prudent to pay over the legacy herein given to him. then I bequeath the said legacy to my son John. G. B. Grimes

2d I bequeath to my son Bryan Grimes the following slaves to wit: Old Nancy Ellis — Jack (a cooper) and all my stock in the Washington Bridge Company

3d I give and bequeath to my son John G. B. Grimes his note which I hold for $2284 20/100

4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan wife of John G. B. Myers the following slaves — Comfort — boy Jack — Old Stephen — Ephraim — Irene — Minerva Hollands — Agnes and her two children and Louisa — Also my stock in the bank of Cape Fear (60 shares) the said slaves and stock I bequeath to her sole and separate use of my said daughter Susan during her life with the power of disposing of the same by deed or will and in the event of her death without having disposed of the same by deed or will then to such children as she may have living at her death — and in the event of the death of any child of hers during her life leaving issue living at her death then such issue to represent their parent and to take such

share as their parent if living would have taken and in the event of the death of said Susan without having disposed of the same by deed or will and without leaving children or issue living at her death then to her next of kin

5th I give to my daughter Mary B. Cooper the following slaves - Samson Vincent Redding - Becky - Margaret - Ellen - Barbara and her children and goods bonds to the amount of five thousand dollars to the sole and separate use of my said daughter Mary during her life with the power to dispose of the same either by deed or by will and if she should die without having disposed of the same by deed or will then to such children as she may have living at her death and in the event of the death of any child of hers during her life leaving issue living at her death such issue to represent their parent and to take such share as their parent if living would have taken and in the event of the death of the said Mary with having disposed of the same by deed or will and without leaving children or issue living at her death then to her next of kin

6th I bequeath all my furniture to my two daughters Susan & Mary

7th the following slaves to wit - Old Becky - Morine - Mary & her children now in the possession of Mr Thomas H. Blount I give to her for her life and after her death to her son William H. Blount

8th It is my will that the issue of such slaves as I have specifically disposed of in my will and which may be born after the date of my will and before my death shall go to the legatees to whom I have respectively bequeathed the said slaves

9th All the rest and residue and remainder of my estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature and kind soever that I am possessed of or entitled to and not herein before disposed of I give and bequeath to my two daughters Ann & Olivia to be equally divided between them

I nominate and appoint my son William Grimes my executor

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 13th day of June 1839

Signed sealed published & declared in presence of
D. B. Perry
R. S. Donnell

Bryan Grimes (Seal)

State of N. Carolina
Pitt County

County Court
Begun & held for the Term 1800

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Bryan Grimes Deceased is produced in Court and duly proved by the oaths of Daniel B. Perry and Richard S. Donnell the subscribing witnesses thereto. The Court declares said writing to be the last will and testament of said Bryan Grimes and the same to be recorded. William Grimes the executor named in said will duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law

Henry Shepherd Clk

See deeds of gift

Error

In the name of God Amen. I Simon Keel of the county of Pitt and State of North Carolina being low in health but of sound disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament and form following viz

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Simon T. Keel one tract or parcel of land on the South Side of Tar River and bounded as follows Beginning at a Gum in Moores line to the heirs of Rhodes Satterthwaites line then with their line to an agreed line between Simon Keel and Stephen Hamilton then with the said agreed line to Gum and from the Gum to pitch and from thence to the beginning containing forty acres more or less to him and his heirs forever

Item 2d I give to my beloved wife Penny Keel all of my Stock consisting of Cows, Hogs & Horses also all of my household and kitchen furniture to her and her heirs forever

Item 3d I lend to my beloved wife Penny Keel the land and plantation whereon I now live during her natural life

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Penny Keel negro woman and her youngest child named Louisa to her and her heirs forever - I also lend her the following negroes viz Olivia and Eliza during her natural life and after her death I lend the aforesaid negroes Olivia and Eliza to my daughter Nancy Moore during her natural life & after her death I give the aforesaid negroes to the children of the aforesaid Nancy Moore to them and their heirs forever

Item 5th I give to my beloved Penny Keel all of my Corn, Bacon, peas and fodder all the poultry of every description

Item 6th I give to my daughter Margaret Kinsaul wife of Reuben Kinsaul five dollars to her and her heirs forever

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my beloved wife Penelope Keel my whole and sole executrix of this my last will and testament revoking all other or former wills by me heretofore made In testimony thereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of February 1841

Simon his + mark Keel

Signed sealed published and declared to be the last will and testament of the above named Simon Keel in the presence of us
Blount Speir
John Bagley

Penny Keel Executrix

Reuben his + mark Kinsaul } May Term 1842
Jurors on the trial of this case Lambert P. Brandsby, Thomas Norris, Noah Bedford, Simon Bryant, Adams Ellis, Brown, Josiah Barnett, H. D. Moore, John Cripps, Willie Wallace, John R. Washington & Robert Roberson who being duly impanelled sworn say they find the paper writing offered is the last will and testament of Simon Keel and sufficient to pass both real and personal estate on motion Penny Keel Executrix was qualified to said will ordered by the court that letters testamentary issue to the said Penny Keel and the said will and testament be adjudged the last will and testament of Simon Keel and be recorded

Attest Archibald Parker Clk