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State of North Carolina of New Bern all witness by these presents that I, George Howell, your humble
Resident, County of New Bern all witness by these presents that I, George Howell, your humble
attorney for me & in my behalf in any faithfully formed William H. Bailey,
trust of land, formerly Robert Morris giving William Ruggles in his
own right did the said land to give it in and pay taxes for it and also hereby
Anctly & Certify. Whatever my said attorney, my lawfully do concerning
the said premises in which whereof I have unto the only bound shall the
20th February 1796. — Signed

George Howell
make —
Signed
John Gray

May Term 1796. The foregoing power of attorney was duly given
in open court by John Gray & let be Recorded

Test. Marpus

Mary Term 1801 — Henry Branson & Marshall Harvey Esqrs to whom
I am Deputed the Recd. of John Sutton M'nt of Thomas Savage Esq.
Report that they find that the same be paid out of the Estate £36.10.0%
that the rest not having the act of sale of the Estate. they cannot
say what is the balance.

Signed H. Branson

They further Report that it is their opinion that the amount
allowed the sum of £3.0.0 —

Signed as above —

Test. Marpus Esq

Mary Term 1801 — John Grady M'nt of Thomas Hobbs late the said Esq.
Retained the act of sale amounting to £52.9.1

Mary Term 1801

Rec'dt of the sale of the Estate of Gabriel Harlan Esq.
Retained by David Williams one of the Exec's of the
Deced. (Intestate) amounting to £654.3.3 —

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County of New Bern & County North Carolina living in the State of North and in
which I have resided and married to constitute that to be my last will and testament
in manner and form as follows —
I John & Stephen Ward one hundred & fifty acres of land being
part of the tract wherein John Ruggles to his son, George Howell divided between them
between us & any other son. John & Stephen Ward each of us having half
of the land living on any plantation wherein John Ruggles with all his wife or formerly
widow, his wife, going her natural life and widowhood. then first he bought the other
half of the same of land and plantation with the improvements I gave to my son
John Ward. to his heirs and assigns forever. Other I gave unto my son George Howell
his wife and assigns forever. Other I gave unto my son John Ward
his wife and assigns forever. John Ruggles being in and on Womack's Middle & Blackland
which had been bought from John Ruggles and one large pasture house. my will is that
my wife should be blessed of a child within ten months after my decease but
that child should have and equal part with the rest of my children
then I give unto my son Obadiah Ward one bed and furniture or slave & so forth
of my plantation and shop took my place here. Wards also my Bedchamber
then I give unto my daughter Mary Thomas one bed. then I give unto my
daughter Ruth Ward one bed and furniture or slave & so forth of my
house plate & of beds known & such as beds & so forth. my will is that my daughter
Ruth Ward shall live upon the said plantation or land as the same is bounded
by will in that after my wife except the rest of my effects should be equally
divided between John Ruggles Stephen Mary Obadiah and Ruth that is by my
testament to be equally divided between my above mentioned children
then I give to my daughter wife one two year old colt. then I give my
son more to Obadiah provided he gives my daughter Ruth Ward half
first both the houses. my will is that all my books be equally divided
between Obadiah & Ruth Ward —

and lastly I nominate and appoint my loving friends Samuel Charles
& Eliza Hobbs to be my executors to fulfill this my last will & testament
of myself my hand & seal the first day of the forth month on March
Eight hundred & one

Timothy Ward

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged
before)

John Smith

William Hobbs

Mary Term 1801

The above Will & Testament was clearly pronounced in
Open Court by John Smith Clerk to be Recorded

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