

64 In the name of God Amen I Edward M. Guine of
the County of Rowan and Parish of Saint Luke in
the State of North Carolina being very weak in body
but of perfect mind & Memory & calling to mind the
frailties of human nature & the shortness of life
in this transitory world as well as for the better
settling my worldly affairs for the peace & well-
fare of my family whom I shall leave behind
I do make ordain & constitute this to be my last
will & testament disanulling making & making
void all other will or wills by me made & do consti-
tute & appoint this to be my last will & Testament
And in the first place I give & bequeath my soul to
God he gave it: & my body to be buried in a christian
& decent manner according to the custom of the coun-
try, the expences to be paid out of my personal estate
by my executors hereafter named, And as to what
worldly wealth God has been pleased to bestow upon
me I give & bequeath in the following manner
that is to say in the first place I will that all my
just & honest debts that I owe be justly paid out
of my personal estate ~~by my executors~~
~~secondly~~ Secondly I give & bequeath unto my beloved
wife Leabell M. Guine & it is my will that she hold
and enjoy the mansion house where I now dwell toge-
ther with the plantation & all the movables of husbandry

things belonging or appertaining for the use of raising
& schooling my younger children likewise my stock of
every kind to the same use except such as may fall to my
children which is or may be of age before my son Anderson
is fourteen years of age the whole of my personal property
to be appraised as soon as convenient after my decease
by two free holders upon oath & I give & bequeath to my three
sons Henry, Edward & Anderson all my real estate to be equa-
ly divided among them provided that if the child with which
my wife is now pregnant is a son it shall share an
equal part with those above named & I give & bequeath
to my daughters Anne, Hannah, Eliza, Sarah & Rachel
all my personal estate to be equally divided among them
provided the child above mentioned is a daughter it shall
share an equal part with the rest of my daughters.
5th It is my will that my wife hold the above mentioned
house plantation &c till the above limited time if she re-
main my widow & only on that condition. 6th And lastly
it is my will that my sons when they arrive to the age
of fourteen years shall be bound apprentices to the black-
smith trade having privilege with the consent of their Guar-
dian to choose their Master. And for the more faithful
execution of the above will, I do constitute nominate
and appoint my beloved wife Leabell & my trusty
friend Jacob Wiseman Executors of this my last
will & Testament, but in case she changes her name.

(66) his right of executorship shall descend to the sur-
viving executor & then she shall draw her right of
Dower agreeable to Law signed sealed published &
pronounced to be the last will & Testament of Edward
McGuire in the presence of us the twentieth day
of March one thousand seven hundred & eighty five

Robert Mackie
No Carson
None
Edward ^{his} McGuire ^{mark}

In the name of God Amen I Gost Cope of Rowan
County State of North Carolina am loco in body
but of good wits and memory I do give and
bequeath to my wife Mary Cope all my whole estate
to rear my small children upon after my debts is
all paid so long as she remains my widow until
my youngest child named Gost Cope comes to be
fifteen years of age and then she is to divide the
whole Estate and her share equally between
all my children she drawing her third of the whole
estate & if in case she marries before that time be ex-
posed then the whole of my Estate to be divided equally
and put to the use of my children she drawing
one child part. As witness my hand & seal
this tenth day of February one thousand seven
hundred & eighty five. I do hereby constitute

my wife Mary Cope with Joseph Brown to be
Executors of the same.

Michael Oliver
Gaston ^{his} Cope
mark

Gost Cope

In the name of God Amen I Ralph Ben of the Province
of North Carolina & County of Rowan seriously consider
the uncertainty of human life and more particular
I am in a low condition tho am in proper mind and
Memory and declare this to be my last will and testament
intending to dispose of my worldly affairs before I am
called hence and am no more sick I most humbly recommend
my soul to that eternal supreme and intelligent being
who gave me my existence. And after this transitory
existence can make me live forever more at the same time
most earnestly deprecating his justes humbly beseech-
ing the most blessed & glorious Trinity one God most
holy most merciful & glorious to prepare me for the
time of my dissolution & than to take me to himself
in that happiness & felicity which he has prepared for
all that love and fear his holy name. As to my worldly
estate I will & positively order all my duty to be paid
First I give & bequeath unto my two sons Henry Ben
and Ralph Ben my first & sole Executors of this my last
will