

I give & bequeath to my Daughter Vaggy a pocket bible
I give & bequeath to my son Joseph the land I now live
upon, Likewise the cornet mare & her two colts & the black
mar called Barbby; Also the waggon & gear, I give to my
son Joseph get, I allow my wife to have part of the use
of them, while she lives. Likewise I give him two cows &
calves. Also I give him the one half of my ploughs & plough
irons, the other half I give to my wife.

I give & bequeath to my beloved wife the use of the house
I now live in also the half of the spring & spring house, with
part of the barn during her life. Likewise I give & leave to
her disposal all my household furniture.

All the remainder of my estate I allow to be divided
equally amongst my wife & all my children.

Lastly I do nominate constitute & appoint my two sons
Willm. Ervin & Joseph Ervin executors of this my last
will & test: hereby revoking & annulling any will or
wills by me made heretofore, & do ratify & confirm this
my last will & test. In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & seal this 20th day of June 1793.

Signed, sealed, ratified &
confirmed as the last will & test
of Joseph Ervin in the presence of

Hugh Dobbin jun

Patrick Barn.

Joseph Ervin Seal

In the name of God Amen! I Evan Ellis of
Rowan County in the State of N^c Carolina being weak
in body, but in perfect mind & memory Thanks be to God
& calling 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 & test, principally & first of all I give & commend
my soul to God who gave it, & my body to be buried in a
christian like manner at the discretion of my friends & friends,
nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive
the same again by the mighty power of God, & touching such
worldly goods, as it had pleased God to bless me with I
give demise & dispose of in manner & form as follows

Item I will that all my just debts be paid by my executors
Item I will & bequeath unto my son James Ellis the tract
of land wherein I now live containing four hundred & eleven
acres to him & his heirs forever, & also my black horse, &
one waggon & four pair of gear belonging thereunto one cow
& calf his choice, & one three year old heifer, two feather beds
& bedsteads & furniture his choice & the remaining part
of my stock of hogs one plough & plough tacklings one set
of moult rings, one iron roodge, one mattock & a piece of ~~full cloth~~

Item I will to my cousin Willm. Ellis my great coat.
Item I will that what remains of my stock & all my other
estate except what is before mentioned & my wearing ap-
parel be valued by three men chosen by my children & all
debts due to me be equally divided among my children

John, Evan, William, Isaac, & James Ellis.

And I do hereby constitute make & ordain my trust sons
John Ellis & Evan Ellis executors of this my last will & test:
& do hereby disallow & disannul all other wills & bequests by
me done or made heretofore, ratifying & confirming this & no other
to be my last will & test: In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & seal this 8th day of December. AD 1796.

Signed, sealed, published &
pronounced in the presence of *his* Evan Ellis 
Thomas + Brewer L^d Matthew Johnston.

mark
Josiah Jones.

In the name of God Amen! I Michael Oster
of the State of N^c Carolina & Rowan County being sick
in body but of perfect mind & memory calling to mind the
mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all
men once to die I do make & ordain this my last will &
test: that is to say principally & first of all I give my
soul to God & my body to be decently buried at the discretion
of my executors nothing doubting but at the general re-
surrection I shall receive again through the mighty power
of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith I am
pleased God to bless me in this life I give, demise, &
dispose of the same in following manner & form.

1st I give & bequeath to my wife Duly Ester my bed & bedding
& the half of my household furniture & two cows & to
live on the place during her widowhood & she is to help the

three youngest children namely, George Henry & John under her
direction till the of age, & after my just debts & funeral charge
are paid, then I give & bequeath to my two sons Michael &
Peter Ester my land & to help to maintain their mother & their
three youngest brothers as long as she remains a widow & after
my death the rest of my estate to be joined by two freeholders
& the widow to have the third part of my estate & then thereof
to be equally divided, between my five sons namely, Michael,
Peter, George, Henry, & John Ester I give & bequeath my land.
I give to my daughter Elizabeth one cow & I give & bequeath
to my daughter Catharina one cow. And I give & bequeath to
my daughter Rebecca two heifers & Michael to have the
brown horse & Peter to have the sorrel mare & the remainder
of my moveable estate to be joined & equally divided between
all my children. And I do hereby utterly disallow, make, &
disannul all other former wills, test, legacies, bequests & covenants
by me in any way before, named, written or bequeathed, ratify
& confirm this & no other to be my last will & test. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 22nd day
of February AD 1783

N^c likewise constitute this my friend & loving wife & Henry
Hugley to be my whole & sole executors of this my last will & test.

Signed, sealed, & declared in

the presence of us.

Will^m Amburn.

his
George & Chas L^d
mark

Michael Ester 