

In the name of God Amen! I George Eaton of the County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina, being of perfect health of body & perfect mind & memory thanks be to God for it, & 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: that is to say principally & first of all, I give & recommend my soul to God who gave it & my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a Christian burial, at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it had pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise & dispose of the same in the following form.

1/ I desire that my land & plantation, whereon I now live should be sold & the money equally divided between my four children viz. John, Sarah, David & Elizabeth Eaton. I give all the rest of my moveable property to my three youngest children Sarah, David & Elizabeth.

I likewise, constitute make & ordain my beloved brother David Eaton & neighbour Laz. Whithead, executors of this my last will & test: all & singular the above mentioned legacies to my heirs to be freely enjoy'd & possessed by them for ever. This I desire should be considered as my last will & test: whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 18th day of February 1797.

Signed sealed, published, in presence
J. E. Jones
Abraham & Nath. L. L.
witness

George Eaton

In the name of almighty God Amen! I Christian Ellis of Rowan in the State of N. Carolina, being old & sick, but of perfect sound senses & memory thanks be to God for the same. Knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do for the purpose of disposing all my worldly estate wherewith it had pleased God, to bless me with in this life, & to settle all my affairs, with every person, do make & ordain this to be my last will & test, in the following manner & form.

1/ It is my will that all my just debts shall be paid & also my funeral charges.

2/ It is my will & I do direct that my son John Ellis, whom I do hereby constitute & appoint my sole executor of this my will, shall sell all my land, as soon as the time is expired for which I rented the same (at public sale) & give such credit for the payments, as he shall think right, & do hereby impower him to convey my said land to the purchaser, as I myself could do. And it is my will, & I give to my said son John Ellis fifty Dollars, of the money which arises from the sale of a land for trouble & services done to me. I do then further direct money, which arises from the sale of my land except the fifty Dollars mentioned above, shall be equally divided after my funeral charges & debts are paid, amongst my sons & daughters to wit, to my son John Ellis, George Ellis, Henry, Frederick, Susanna, Ellis, Mary Hastings & Barbary Thes's share alike. I do further give all personal estate to me belonging to my son John Ellis for ever & I do hereby revoke all other wills by me made & I allow this to be my only last will & test: in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 30th day of April 1804.

Signed & sealed in presence of
Andrew Brown, Jas Fisher &c. Christian Ellis