

of to them. And ordain that my three sons Bazabel Norman & Henry Owings, should pay to their brother John Owings twenty pounds hard money a piece. And then I ordain that Bazabel & Norman & John Owings, shall have no more of my estate real or personal. Next I ordain that my son Norman Owings shall pay a creature to the value of twenty pounds hard money to my beloved daughter Catharina Roberts & Laurence Roberts shall have all that land on the south side of Dutchmans creek, where they now have in possession, & no more of my estate, real or personal. I ordain that my beloved daughter Hannah Backster & John Backster shall have the sum of five shillings & no more of my estate real or personal. I ordain that my beloved wife Hannah Owings shall have fifty acres of land to conclude my house & orchard out of Henry's part during her natural life & all my stock & house hold furniture. And at her decease the land to decent back to Henry. I ordain that my grand daughter Melina Roberts shall have the sum of twenty pounds hard money paid to her by my four sons, Bazabel, Norman, John & Henry Owings. I then ordain that my daughter Sarah Owings, shall keep the two creatures that she has now in possession. I ordain that my son Henry Owings have one bed & furniture, & one cow & one butter & no more of my personal estate. And at the decease of my beloved wife. I ordain that Sarah Owings & her sons & Melina Roberts shall have an equal divide, together with all the personal estate remains. And lastly of all I shal

make & ordain my two sons Norman & Henry Owings, executors of this my last will & test in witness whereof I the said Elijah Owings seal have to this my last will & test: set my hand & seal the day & years above written
Signed, sealed & published in
the presence of us
John Finchcomb. Edmond ^{his} Howard
mark

In the name of God Amen! I Henry Owens of the province of N: Carolina & County of Rowan, seriously consider, the uncertainty of human life & more particular I am in a low condition though in proper mind & memory, declare this to be my last will & test: intending to dispose of my worldly affairs before I am called from hence. First I most humbly recommend my soul to God, & for my worldly estate I will & positively order all my debts to be paid.

I give & bequeath to John Conger & Henry Fry my first & sole executors of this my last will & test:

I do give & bequeath to my brother Benjamin one half of this plantation, where I now live on, to be run of & divided equal between Benjamin Owens & Edward Owens & Stephen Owens which, when he come of age I desire that my part of the land may be equally divided between Edward Owens & Stephen Owens & the land up at Quirk place, I desire that William Owens may have the privilege of building & cultivating & improving the same free from rent for the space of fifteen years, & then give up possible possession & as for my personal & moveable property I desire that my executors may make & vendue & the same sell

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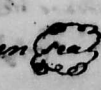
& it is my desire that after all my debts is paid, that there may be a equal division made of the balance, among my three sisters ^{& Lucy Owen} ~~namely~~ Judy Owen, Mary Owen & Patty Linder, my three sisters & Lucy Owen a daughter of Judge Owen & after my decease I desire that an inventory may be taken. I have unto do set my hand in presence of the witnesses this 18th day of September AD 1794.

Lucy Owen, King's ^{his} Owen ^{his} Henry Owen ^{his} 
 Judy Owen ^{his} ^{mark.} ^{mark.}

In the name of God Amen! I Nancy Owen of Rowan County & State of N^C Carolina, lying weak of body but of sound mind & memory - & calling to mind that it is appointed for all flesh once to die & as touching what worldly property it had pleased God to bless me with I will and bequeath in manner & form following, that is to say:

1/ I will & bequeath unto my beloved Grand son Humphrey James son of Allian James, all & singular that part of property, that shall & may fall to me in right of Dower as relict & widow of James Owen Decd

2/ I do hereby constitute my trusty friend Allian James as my executor of this my last will & test: & I do revoke & disannul all & every other will & test: what ever. testifying this to be my last will & test: In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 2^d day of August: 1799.

in presence of us Sam^l Dusenberry. ^{his} Nancy Owen ^{his} 
 James Calhoun & Willis Ellis. ^{mark.}

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In the name of God Amen! the 26th Day of January 1807. I Joseph Caters of N^C Carolina & Rowan County, being thro: the abundant mercy & goodness of God, to weak in body but of perfect mind & memory, do constitute this my last will & test: & I desire it may be received by all as such. First I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my maker beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it, through the all sufficient merits of my most compassionate redeemer Jesus Christ who gave himself to be an atonement for my sins & is able to save all to the utmost, all that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lived to make intercession for them, & who I trust will not reject me returning penitent sinner when I come to him for mercy in this hope & confidence I render up my soul with comfort, humble beseeching the most blessed & gracious trinity one God most holy most mercifull & gracious to prefer me for the time of my decease & then to take me to himself into that peace & rest & incomparable felicity which he has prepared for us all that love & fear his holy name amen. Blessed be God I give my body to the earth, from which it was taken in full appearance of its resurrection from thence at the last day. As for my burial, I desire it to be decent without pomp or state at the discretion of my dear wife & my executors hereafter named which they will manage it with all requested providence. And as touching such worldly estate, wherewith it had pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, demise, bequeath, & dispose of the same in following manner & form: 