

Carolina Rowan County. Be it remembered that James Ventry being in a low state of health but sound disposing mind, for which I am thankful to the Lord thereof, calling to mind the certainty of death & the uncertainty of the time thereof, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form as followsed. First of all it is my will that all my just debts together with my funeral charges paid by my executors hereafter named as soon after my decease as they conveniently can.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my son Elly Ventry one hundred acres of land to be laid out from the south west corner only it is not to incroach on the improvement whereon I now live yet it is my will that my said son do pay to my executors the sum of twenty pounds for to assist them in paying my debts then I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Samima Ventry fifty acres of land, which is the remainder of the tract & all my household furniture together with all my personal estate during her widowhood only it is my will that if my daughter Dinah should marry and that my executors may portion of to her as they may think best, and at the death or marriage of my beloved wife, that the fifty acres heretofore mentioned be given to my daughter Dinah. And I also order that my executors may remember my daughter Sarah & if my estate should admit to add something to what I have already given her, I equal the portion, between her & Dinah that it be done as bestly I constitute & appoint my beloved wife Samima,

Ventry, Nathan Hunt & Josiah Thompson the witnesses of this my last will & testament hereby making null & void heretofore made be me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 3rd day of July 1796.

Witness's.

Stephen Vedito
Ann Tomlinson.

James Ventry
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In the name of God Amen! I Jacob Van Dooke of Rowan County in the State of N. Carolina Planter being very weak & sick in body but of perfect sound mind & memory thanks be to God for the same, & calling unto mind the mortality of my body, & knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do this 18th day of April 1796, make & ordain this my last will & testament. I give & recommend, seal into the hands of almighty God; who gave it, my body to be buried in a decent manner, & I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent manner, & trusting but I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God & as touching all worldly estate wherewith God has pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise & bequeath of the same in the following manner & form.

I desire my well beloved wife Elizabeth shall keep her possession on the plantation I now live, or during the whole time she bears my name & do give & bequeath unto her her bed & furniture thereto belonging & shall keep all other household articles, except such as, I do in particular mention in her use & for the use of my son Jacob for ever.

2^d I give & bequeath unto my son Jacob the plantation I

live on, provided he my son Jacob will maintain his mother
 in her widowhood in cloathing & every other thing she will
 need in need of during the time of her being a widow, & with
 my unto each of his sisters after he comes of age the sum of
 ten pounds, or before he comes of age if he conveniently can,
 though he shall not to be compelled to pay the said sum, until
 he is twenty one years of age, & to my son David he shall pay the
 sum of ten pounds money. Then upon these conditions he the
 son Jacob shall inherit my said plantation & enjoy it for
 ever & all that I now have in the possession of his mother
 desire, my wife & my son Jacob shall pay all just debts
 of David.

I give & bequeath unto my son John Cook ten acres
 of land joining his own & Thomas Browns land.

I give & bequeath unto my daughter Leadie her bed
 & furniture thereto belonging & bed stead, two cows & calves
 a heifer & a loome besides the five pounds my son Jacob
 & pay to her one year & land, unto my son Henry I leave
 him his full share of all.

And I do hereby constitute & appoint my wife & my
 son Jacob & my son David executors, of this my last will
 & test: & do in the name of God desire that it shall be
 lawfully fulfilled. In witness whereof I the said Jacob the
 do have to this my last will & test: set my hand & seal
 this day & year above written.

Signed, & sealed in the presence of
 M. Leonard, Jacob Fisher, &c. Jacob Vanecko

In the name of God Amen! I Thomas Job of New
 County & State of N. Carolina, being sick & weak in body
 of perfect mind & memory, thanks be given to God & call
 to mind the mortality of my body & that is appointed
 all man once to die, do make & ordain this my last will
 test. Principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul
 into the hands of God who gave it to me, & my body to
 earth to be buried in a decent christian manner at the di-
 cretion of my executors. Nothing doubting but at the gene-
 resurrection I shall receive the same again through the
 mighty power of God & as touching such worldly goods
 it had pleased God to bless me with I give demise & disp
 of in manner & form following.

Then I will & bequeath unto my son Thomas Job all my
 tract of land I now live to be enjoyed by him, & his heirs.
 I will that my son Thomas Job do pay to my other child
 the sum of ten pounds lawfull money of North Carolina
 manner as followeth.

Five pounds to John Job & five pounds to his wife, &
 five pounds to David Cooper & five pounds to his wife, &
 five pounds to Samuel Job & five pounds to his wife &
 five pounds to Will^m Douthett, & five pounds to his wife &
 five pounds to John Blake & five pounds to his wife &

Then I will & bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Job
 my stock, & also all my household goods to her & be
 assigner forever.

I will that my beloved wife Mary Job have her main
 on the plantation during her life & likewise my dwelling &