

them a full power, to do & perform the several articles
the day & year first above written.

Signed, sealed & acknowledged by the said Philip Bopf
his last will & test: in presence of the subscribed witnesses

God: his
Henry & Warkann
mark

Michael Wolf

Philip Bopf

In the name of God Amen! This 6th day of March: 1816
John Bird of the State of N. Carolina in the County
of Rowan being very sick & weak in body, but in perfect
mind & memory, Thanks be to God for the same, & calling
to mind the mortality of body, & knowing it is appointed to
all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will
& test: that is to say principally I give & recommend my
soul to God who gave it & as concerning my body I re-
commend it to the earth to be buried in a decent manner
at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but a
general resurrection to obtaine everlasting happiness
through the merits of my redeemer Jesus Christ. And as
concerning my worldly estate wherewith it had pleased
God to bless & in this life, I give, devise & dispose of
the same in manner & form following:—
I allow all my honest debts to be paid out of my estate
I give & bequeath to Susanna my dearly beloved
wife, one black mare with a white star on her forehead
the said mare to her own property, while she remain
alive in my name, if she marries the said mare

with her increase I allow to my son Henry Bird two thirds
right & property. Also I give to my beloved wife, two cows
picked out of the stock that I have now in my possession
likewise her bed one spinning wheel one dutch oven one dy
& all the furniture belongin to it & likewise one bond
And also I give to my son Valerine Bird one english shil-
ling to be paid in money to him out of my whole estate
nothing more for his part, & also my son Jacob Bird
give one english shilling to be paid in money to him out of
my whole estate & nothing more for his part. I also give
to my son Michael Bird one english shilling to be paid
money to him, out of my whole estate & nothing more for
his part, I also give to my daughter Mary one english
shilling to be paid in money to her out of my whole estate
& nothing more for her part. I also give to my daughter
Elizabeth one english shilling to be paid in money to her
out of my whole estate & nothing more for his part.
And also I give to my son Henry Bird the old improvement
where I lived & also my son John Bird I give the remainder
part of it, the land shall be divided for them two sons
of John in unequal part to the best manner of upshot
both plantation & my beloved wife Susanna shall have
possession on the old improvement as long as she remain
widow in my name & if she marry again the land
shall be rented out untill my son Henry comes of age.
And all that remainder of my moveable property
shall be sold & equally divided between my wife Susanna

my daughters Milla, Rosanna, Christina, Laffia my son
John & Henry. I do hereby appoint Frederick Miller & my wife
Rosanna, to be my trusty executors of this my last will &
test: & I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannul all &
any other former test: withs & legacies, bequeaths & executory
by me in any way before named, withs & bequeathed, ratify
& confirming this & no other to be my last will & test: in wit-
ness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal; the day
year first above written.

Signed, sealed in the presence of us,
James Gardiner, George Benniger

John & Bird Seal
mark

In the name of God Amen! I John Brady of New-
County & State of N. Carolina, being of sound & perfect mem-
ory (blessed be God therefor) do this 21st day of Apr. &
1797. make & publish this my last will & test: in
witness & form following (that is to say). Infirmities I commend
my soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it me
my body to the earth, from whence it came, in hopes of
my full resurrection, through the merits of my saviour
our Christ, & as far that worldly estate, wherewith it has
pleased God to bless me. I dispose of thereof as follows.
I give & bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Sarah my
Negro woman named Doll, to be at her direction during
her widowhood, & then to be at her disposal to any of my
children, & also all her wearing apparel, her bed & furniture
of my household furniture, her saddle & bridle & two milch
of her own choice.

Item I give to my daughter Agnes the Negro woman, named
Lucy now in her possession.

Item, I give to my son Walter besides the property which
he has received Rudens Concordance.

Item I give to my daughter Margaret the Negro boy na-
med London now in her possession.

Item I give to my son John besides the property, which
he has received the sum of forty pounds.

Item I give to my daughter Anne my Negro boy named Ben.

Item I give to my daughter Sarah my Negro boy named
Jesse, a young mare, her saddle & bridle, her spinning
wheel, bed & furniture & wearing apparel.

Item I give to my son Hugh one half of the plantation
whereon I now live, the mare & two colts which he now
owns, & my surveying instruments & his saddle &
bridle.

Item I give to my daughter Mary my Negro boy named
Lyons, her wearing apparel, bed & furniture, spinning
wheel, saddle & bridle.

Item I give to my son James, the residue of my land
his ropes & turning tools, his horse, saddle & bridle.

~~Item I give to my son James~~
And further let it be my will, the four lots in the
walk square in Salisbury, shall be sold by my executors & the
money to be equally divided between Mary & James after paying
the above legacy to John.

And also it is my will that my family, all live together
on the plantation whereon I now dwell while they remain
unmarried, & the residue of my Negroes, Stock, Haggons & farn