

My Will

In the name of God Amen! I Martin Byerg of the County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina, being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory, I have given unto God calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men, once to die, to make & ordain this my last will & testament, that is to say principally & first of all, I give & recommend my soul into the hand of almighty God that gave it, & my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a decent 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, where with it had pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise, & dispose of, the same in the following manner & form.

First I give to Margaret my dear beloved wife the true possession of all my land, & of all other effects now in my possession, to have & to hold till my youngest child come to be of age.

Also I give & bequeath to my beloved son Philip Byerg two hundred acres of land whereon I now live, with condition that the said Philip Byerg my son, shall yearly give unto my wife as his mother seventeen bushels of wheat & twenty bushels of corn, & one hundred & fifty weight of pork & fifty weight of beef, & to give his mother choice amongst the cattle every spring to have her one

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Also I give & bequeath unto my youngest son John three hundred acres of land, joining the old tract above mentioned also I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter the sum of fifty pounds of lawful money of N. Carolina, to be paid out of my land above willed. My will is also that my two sons Philip & John shall pay five pounds of lawful money of N. Carolina to each & every one of my children except the above named Catharina.

My will is also that when my youngest child comes of age then all my moveable effects to be divided & equally shared among all my children, except one horse creature, to be left to the widow, And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannul all & every other former testament, wills, legacies & bequests & executors by me in any ways before named, willed & bequeathed. Ratifying & confirming, this & no other to be my last will & testament. In witnes whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 22th day of April 1794.

Signed, sealed, published,
pronounced, declared, by the said ^{his} Martin Byerg ^{seal}
as his last will & test: in the
presence of us & in the presence
of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

^{his} John Tuxenbill

^{mark} Melchor Dörr jun

George Snider.

N.B. I do by these presents appoint my trusty friend Jacob Capps & my beloved son Jacob Byerg to be my executors