

John, Evan, William, Isaac, & James Ellis.

And I do hereby constitute make & ordain my trust sons  
John Ellis & Evan Ellis executors of this my last will & test.  
& do hereby disallow & disannul all other wills & bequests by  
me done or made heretofore, ratifying & confirming this & no other  
to be my last will & test: In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand & seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December. 1794.

Signed, sealed, published &  
pronounced in the presence of  
Thomas <sup>his</sup> Brewer & Matthew Johnston.  
Evan Ellis   
Thomas Jones <sup>mark</sup>.

In the name of God Amen! I Michael Oster  
of the State of N<sup>c</sup> Carolina & Rowan County been sick  
in body but of perfect mind & memory calling to mind the  
mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all  
men once to die I do make & ordain this my last will &  
test: that is to say principally & first of all I give my  
soul to God & my body to be decently buried at the discretion  
of my executors nothing doubting but at the general re-  
surrection I shall receive again through the mighty power  
of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith I have  
pleased God to bless me in this life I give, demise, &  
dispose of the same in following manner & form.

1<sup>st</sup> I give & bequeath to my wife Duly Ester my bed & bedding  
& the half of my household furniture & two cows & to  
lie on the place during her widowhood & she is to help the

three youngest children namely, George Henry & John under her  
direction till the of age, & after my just debts & funeral charge  
are paid, then I give & bequeath to my two sons, Michael &  
Peter Ester my land & to help to maintain their mother & their  
three youngest brothers as long as she remains a widow & after  
my death the rest of my estate to be prized by two freeholders  
& the widow to have the third part of my estate & then thereof  
to be equally divided, between my five sons namely, Michael,  
Peter, George, Henry, & John Ester I give & bequeath my land.  
I give to my daughter Elizabeth one cow & I give & bequeath  
to my daughter Catharina one cow. And I give & bequeath to  
my daughter Rebecca two heifers & Michael to have the  
brown horse & Peter to have the sorrel mare & the remainder  
of my moveable estate to be prized & equally divided between  
all my children. And I do hereby utterly disallow, make, &  
disannul all other former wills, test, legacies, bequests & covenants  
by me in any way before, named, written or bequeathed, ratified  
& confirm this & no other to be my last will & test. In witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day  
of February 1783

N<sup>c</sup> likewise constitute this my friend & loving wife & Henry  
Hugley to be my whole & sole executors of this my last will & test.

Signed, sealed, & declared in

the presence of us.

Will<sup>m</sup> Arbourn.

George & Chege <sup>his</sup> L<sup>o</sup>  
mark.

Michael Ester 