

(114) In the name of God Amen. I John Howard of the County of Rowan State of North Carolina being in a weak and low state of health but of perfect mind & memory calling to mind the mortality of my body do make & ordain this to be my last will and Testament. Therefore I give my soul to God that gave it and my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors And as to what estate I am owner of I give & bequeath as follows.

First I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Howard all my real & personal estate whatsoever for & during her natural life except five shilling Sterling I have & bequeath unto my brother Matthew Howard oldest son of Isaac Howard & after his decease then I will that my aforesaid estate be sold at publick Vendue to the highest bidder and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my wife four sons and my wife's son David & after two children after my just debts be paid and do hereby then presently constitute & appoint William Robert & William Beauden to be the executors of this my last will & Testament disanaling and disavowing all other wills & testaments made by me incuting & confirming this to be my last will & Testament & no other. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this twenty third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty one

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Signed sealed & delivered in presence
of Ant: Newman
Thomas Bilyer Esq:
Joseph Bilyer

John Howard

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph White of Rowan County State of North being of perfect health & sound memory thanks be to God. calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will & Testament that is to say, principally and first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that give 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 wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form First I give & bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Ellen White one negro Girl named Barb likewise my beloved wife I allow her her livelihood of the plantation I now live on during her widowhood likewise her share of the beads that is one bead and for picture of it likewise one horse or mare & saddle, likewise I allow my loving wife then living and then living. Secondly I give & bequeath unto my two sons David & William White all my land I

116 hold or own to be equally divided between them.
Likewise I give & bequeath unto my son David White
one Negro boy named Prince. Likewise I give &
bequeath unto my son W^m White one Negro boy named
Samson. Likewise I give & bequeath unto my daugh-
ter Jean Templeton eight shillings. Likewise I
give and bequeath unto my son John White eight
shillings. Likewise I give & bequeath unto my son
James White eight shillings. Likewise I give and
bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Peck eight
shillings. Likewise I give & bequeath unto my daugh-
ter Mary McCre eight shillings. Likewise I give
& bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Wilson eight
shillings. The remaining part of my moveable
estate I allow for the raising & maintaining of the
widow & my children and to portion them off when
they may need it at the discretion of their mother
and the other executors. Negro Tom & Ponce I allow
them to be sold & the money and the money arising
from the same to be equally divided between Pearl
Coby Elanor & Margaret White. Likewise I allow my
daughter Catharine Peck an equal divide of the
price of the two above mentioned Negroes.
Also I make & ordain & constitute my well beloved
wife Elanor White & David & James White my heirs
to be my executors & Executors of this my last will &

Testament, and I do hereby solemnly declare & make & 117
disannul all & every other former Testament lastly made
& bequeath & carry by, on any way before named written &
bequeathed ratifying & confirming this & no other to be
my last will & Testaments. In witness whereof I have here-
unto set my hand & seal this fourteenth day of June
one thousand seven hundred and eighty three and in
the eighth year of American Independence. Signed,
sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said
Moses White as his last will & Testament in the pre-
sence of us who in his presence & in the presence of each
other have hereunto subscribed
our names.

Jⁿ White
Samuel Peck
John Norton

Moses White

In the name of God Amen the eighth day of Au-
gust anno Domini 1784 I James Hemphill of Chatham
County in the State of North Carolina being sick &
weak of body but of perfect mind I give my
thanks be given unto God therefor calling unto
mind my Mortality and that it is appointed for
men once to die. Do make this my last will and
Testaments and principally & first of all I give &
recommend my Soul unto the hands of God that gave
it hoping through the death & merits of my Sav-
our Jesus Christ to have all full & free pardon
& forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlast-
ing life, and my body I commit to the earth to