

1762 In the Name of God Amen The twelfth first Day of
Oct. 1762 William Eshen Wren Rowan County and
Province of North Carolina being sick & weak of Body
but of sound mind and Memory Thanks be to God for it.
Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and that it is appointed
for all men once to die I do make & declare this my last Will
and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give &
recommnd my Soul unto the Hands of God that gave it and my
Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and
decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doub-
ing but to the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again
united to my Soul by the might power of God, and as touching
such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this
Life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner.
and Form viz. First I appoint & allow all my legal Debts and
funeral Charges to be punctually paid out of the whole of my Estate.
Secondly I bequeath unto my wife beloved Wife one third part of
all my real and personal Estate & her issue. Thirdly I order and
appoint the one half of this Plantation I live in to fall to my
son Robert and to have it in the side the dwelling house is in
likewise my wife & her issue. Fourthly I order and appoint
the other half of the Land to my second son William likewise
I appoint & allow the Remainder of my personal Estate to be
equally divided amongst the whole of my Children. Lastly
I do constitute & appoint my trust & well beloved Friends
Andrew Wilson & William Luckie to be my sole Executors
of this Will & Testament hoping that God will enable them
to undertake and fulfill the Trust I now commit to them charge
with a good Conscience and I do hereby revoke breach and
revoke all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies
and bequestments and Executors by me in any manner
formerly made or bequeathed satisfying & confirming

and only this to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof
I have set my hand this Day & Year above written
Signed sealed published & declared
& declared by William Eshen as
his last Will & Testament in presence of

one of us

Robert Luckie

Alexander Dutton

Robert Luckie

Alexander Dutton

Liquis appoint my Executors to make
that Tract of Land I have sold Thomas
Pew.

Oct. 30 1762 I do appoint & allow I shall
with beloved Wife for the better keeping of my Children together to
be in full possession of all the plantation until my last son
Robert is of full age & then & then to get her that as before mentioned
in witness whereof I have set my hand & seal this Day & Year above written

Signed sealed & acknowledged

in presence of us

Robert Luckie

Alexander Dutton

William Eshen
mark

1766
In the Name of God Amen I Nathaniel Dicks of the County of Rowan and Province of
North Carolina well knowing & considering the great Uncertainty
of Life here to think it necessary to leave behind me the following Lines
as my last Will & Testament that is to say principally & first of all
I give & recommend unto the Lord who gave it me and my Body
I recommend unto the Earth to be buried in a Christian like decent
Manner at the Discretion of my Friends & Relations. And as
touching such worldly Substances wherewith the Almighty hath
been pleased to favour me withal I bequeath devise & distribute
thereof in manner & Form as follows to wit I desire in the first
place that all my just Debts be paid. I give unto John
Nath Dicks my younger Brother that part of my Land

James Brittain laid off for him by William Milliken with a
Line beginning near that Branch called the little branch and runs
down to the mouth & crosses the Creek & so into the Line of the whole
tract - The remaining part of my Land I leave unto my two
Sons Joshua and William equally to be divided between them
that is to say Joshua is to have the lower part down the Creek &
William the Improvement I now live on all the remaining part
of my Estate I give unto my Wife for her support and bringing
up my Children and to be at her disposal during the time she
remains my Widow and if she Marries before my Daughters is of
Age I shall desire that two parts of the said remaining Land should
be equally divided between Hannah Deborah & George my three Daughters
and lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my loving Wife Mary
Dick and trusty Friend William Redwin the whole and sole Executors
of this my last Will & Testament Ordering & desiring they may
do execute & perform this my last Will and Testament to the best
of their Understanding according to the Intent and Meaning
thereof. And I do hereby revoke all other or former Wills
Testaments or Legacies that may appear in my Name ratifying
and confirming this & no other. In Witness whereof I
have unto Set my Hand & Seal this 27th Day of the 10th Moth 1770
Katharine Dicks last Will and
Testament signed and sealed
in the presence of

John White
Thomas Joseph
John Wathank

Katharine Dicks

May 27th

In the Name of God. I Anna the twentieth Day of August
in the Year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred & seventy
William Cenny of the province of North Carolina & County of Rowan,
being sick in Body, but of perfect mind & memory, Thanks be to all-
mighty God therefore calling to mind of mortality of g^d Body, and that
it is appointed for all Men once to die. I do make and ordain this my
last Will & Testament. That is to say, I do give & recommend my
Soul to God that gave it, and for my Body I commend it to the Earth
to be buried in a Christian like Manner at g^d Discretion of my Ex-
ecutors, nothing doubting but at g^d general Resurrection I shall
receive the same again, by the mighty power of God. And as touch-
ing such worldly Estate as God has been pleased to bestow on me with in
this life, I give, bequeath & dispose of g^d same in g^d following
Manner & Form: - In primis I give & bequeath to my beloved
Wife Ann the Use of Dina a Negro Maids, while she bears my
Name; and twenty Bushels of Corn & ten Bushels of Wheat
Yearly & every Year; also two hundred weight of Meat and a
sufficient quantity of Salt and also the Use of a Horse and a Cow. All
these Articles I allow my beloved Wife Ann, to receive from
my beloved Son James in g^d manner specified while she lives upon
the promise, in a House which he shall build for her, where it
will be most convenient both for him and her; and also the Use
of a Cow, but at the Death of my beloved Wife, Dina a Negro Maids
is to return to my Son James. I do give unto my son James
the Plantation on which I live & his Tools and the Negro Tom.
I do give unto my son William my Land in Orange County
& a Horse & Tackling and one Horse. I do give unto my Son
James to give to each of my Daughters that are now unmarried
g^d sum thirty pounds lawful money of North Carolina and a
sufficient quantity to be paid in the Manner following: to Daughter
Hannah one half, that is, fifteen pounds one Year after my
Death, & the other half at the Expiration of two Years after my
Death.