

In the name of God Amen I Paul Beale of the parish of Saint Luke the County of Roman and province of North Carolina being aged and in firm and at present of strong Sound and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God for all his Mercies towards me and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, and not being assured of my desolation and that it is Recommended by Divine Order that every person should put their house in Order I do hereby make and Ordain this and no other my last Will and Testament in manner and form following That is to say and first of I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me not doubting but at the general Resurrection of Mankind I shall receive the same according to the Merits and Will of my Beloved Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and as to my Earthly Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner according to the discretion of my Executors hereafter to be mentioned and as for what Earthly substance God has been pleased to bestow me with all in this World I will and dispose of in manner and form following I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Catherine one third part of all my Estates Real and personal to be paid off unto her by my said Executors after my decease and before any sale made if she chooses such Division or otherwise an even third part in Money that is to say a third part of the amount of all my said Estate first of all my just and Lawful Debts and Funeral charges being paid the remaining Two thirds to be even and equally divided between all my Children that is to say my own Sons and Sons in law if my Sons and Sons in law survive me and in case of the Death of any of them before my Death then the Survivors them or their Widows together with my Youngest Daughter Margaret to have an even and equal proportion of the Remaining two thirds whether in Lands Money Goods Chattles or otherwise as I may die possessed of or in case I should sell my Lands or other matters belonging to my said Estate will and appoint an even distribution of the Money or Debt that may be due to me together with the Remaining part of my Moveable Estate to be divided my wife and said Children in manner aforesaid that is to say One third part to my said wife and the Remaining Two thirds between my said Sons, Sons in law and Daughter Margaret and their Surviving Wives Adam Valentine Martin Beale John Spencer Oliver Wallace, Christian Eller and my said Daughter Margaret

And in case my said wife should marry after my decease or die then and remains in her hands at either such change I order my Executors to let it into their custody and to make an even and equal Distribution thereof among to my said Sons, Sons in Law and Daughter Margaret or the Survivors of them I give and bequeath unto Adam my Eldest Son three hundred and one hundred Money to be paid him by my said Executors after my decease as soon as may be to purchase a hat and shaper as a mourning token of my decease and in case God should be pleased to prolong my Days and I should be possessed of any more Lands or larger Estate whether in Lands Money Goods Chattles or otherwise I request and Order my said Executors to dispose of the same in manner aforesaid and form aforesaid I do hereby appoint my said beloved wife Catherine and John Dunn and Daniel Little my natural Friends Executors of this my last Will and Testament Ratifying Confirming the same and revoking and annulling of all former Wills and Legacies heretofore made or Ordained by me I do hereby put my hand and seal this Fifteenth day of December in the year of our Lord 1764

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Paul Beale
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Witnessed and signed declared and pronounced by the said Paul Beale to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his Request do subscribe our Names as Witnesses

John H. Shock, Willis Ellis, Jim Lewis Beard



In the name of God Amen I Michael Smith of the County of Rowan being weak of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say principally first of all I give and bequeath my Soul to Almighty God who gave it Nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named And as touching such worldly Estate whereunto I have been pleased by God to be in this Life I give and dispose of the same in manner and form