

50177 In the Name of God, Amen. I Samuel Fingy of the
County of Rowan & Province of North Carolina, being sick
(and weak in Body, but in perfect Mind & Memory, Thanks be given to God,
calling to mind the mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is
appointed for all men once to die, to make & ordain this my last Will
and Testament. - That is to say principally & first of all I give &
recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God that gave it and
my Body I recommend to the Earth, to be buried in decent Christian Buriall
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 devise & dispose of the same in the following
Manner & Form. - Desiring that all my just Debts and funeral Charges
be ^{first} fully paid - First to Sarah my beloved Wife I give & bequeath one
third part of all my Estate (the Land excepted in line whereof I bequeath
unto her the black man two years old two Cows & yew & Lamb. Also to
my Son James I give & bequeath the whole of the Land, with the black, horse
two Cows, the Appurtenances of the Shop & Loom & Tackling. Provided always
that the said James shall take tender care of his Mother during her Widowhood
and likewise that he takes care & provides comfortably for all his brothers (and
Sisters until such time as my Executors shall think proper to bind the
same Apprentices to Trades. - And further that the said James out of his
above mentioned part of the Estate shall put his brother Jonathan to school
until he learns to read the Bible, write a plain Hand and work four common
Rules in Arithmetick. and that he shall put his sisters Rachel, Elizabeth,
what he. Mother is now pregnant with (if it lives to Years
of Years) to John. I untill each learns to read well in the Bible
And when his Mother shall choose to separate & live apart, he
the said James for her & the children she chooses to take with her, on
some convenient part of the Plantation shall build or cause to be
built for her a little House or Cabin & there she & her children
shall live for ever.

Comforts of Life. And further if the Widow marries or is called of God
that the said James shall take the children all under his care & protection.
And in Case the said James turns profligate & negligently & deliberately, con-
triveth & designs any part or parcel of the above mentioned bequeathed
Estate, shall forfeit the whole of the same except five pounds proclama-
tion Money to be paid out of the same by my Executors. And the other
said Land & Premises to be sold & the Valuation thereof to be equally
divided among the Widow of the Deceased. Also I give & bequeath
my son Samuel & Jonathan to be bound to learn Trades at the Discretion of
my Executors. Also I give & bequeath that all the Residue of my
Goods Chattels &c. be prized or sold & the Valuation thereof to be pro-
vided by my Son James (first giving Bond & sufficient Security to my Executors
if required) and by him equally divided between Samuel, Rachel, Elizabeth
Mary Jonathan & that with which my beloved Wife is now pregnant, &
each to be paid their part as they come of Age. - Also if either of
the Children be under age, I bequeath that their part or parts be equal-
ly divided by James among the survivors. - And lastly I do hereby con-
stitute and appoint Robert King & William Sharp to be the whole & sole Ex-
ecutors of this my last Will & Testament; And I do hereby utterly, revoke
revoke, & rescind all former Wills and Legacies, by me heretofore in
any wise made or made declaring ratifying & confirming this to be
no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my Hand & Seal this seventh Day of July one thousand
seven hundred & seventy.

Signed Seal published
and declared by the said
Samuel Fingy in presence
of us James King
Robert King

his
mark
Samuel Fingy