

156 one pewter Dish and Tying pan and two each. Item I give unto  
 my Son Laurence one flannel Bed one pewter Dish one Tying pan  
 one Iron pot two Bowls & Ladles one Man one Iron & Trubling one  
 grubbing Hoe one bedding Hoe and a riding saddle a Dung fork  
 also my cutting Bone and Motuale belonging to it, and my  
 Witch Book. I give unto each of my two Daughters Christian &  
 Elizabeth a Baker's Gown. Item I will & direct that my Executors  
 do sell & dispose of the Remainder Part of my personal Estate at  
 publick Vendue & the Money arising from the sale thereof  
 and that due to me by Book Debts or in Cash left by me or any  
 wise becoming due in any wise after first paying my funeral  
 Charges and Debts due from me the Remainder to be equally  
 divided between my Children Male & Female by even and equal  
 portions as they shall come of age or be of age. And I do hereby  
 nominate my trusty & well beloved Friends George Brown,  
 Michal Allen, and Uba Duna my Executors of this my  
 last Will & Testament hereby revoking annulling and making  
 void all other Wills & Testaments heretofore by me made  
 showing this to be my last Will & Testament & no other —  
 In Witnes whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal  
 this twenty seventh Day of November in the Year of Christ 1688 —

Signed Sealed declared & pronounced  
 in the presence of us who in the  
 presence of the Deponent  
 and at his Request have set  
 our Names as Witnesses —

Lawrence Sharp

Thomas Beard  
 Darter  
 James + Beard

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 In the Name of God Amen. I, Theophilus Simonton of the  
 Township of Northampton of the County of Lancaster Province of  
 Pennsylvania Yeoman, being helped by God of good State of Health tho  
 weak in Body & of perfect Memory Do make certain constable,  
 nominale & appoint of my last Will & Testament, in Manner & Form  
 following — (Wt) I recommend and commit my Soul to the  
 Hands of Almighty God, as a faithful Creator, and Redeemer  
 trusting in the meritorious Death, and sufferings, of his Son Jesus  
 Christ for a glorious Resurrection at his last Day, having  
 full Confidence, that he will for our Sins & rise again for  
 our Justification — Secondly. I desire that my Body may  
 be interred after a decent Manner according to the direction  
 of my Executors. Thirdly. I give & bequeath unto my dear &  
 loving Wife. Mary, one full & whole Part, of my real and  
 personal Estate that I, do possess or — Fourthly. I do  
 give & bequeath to my dutifull Son Robert, the just sum of  
 twenty Pound Pennsylvania Currency, and to my Daughters,  
 Son, Magdalene, & Mary, ten Pound each Fifthly. I give and  
 bequeath to my Children Mary, John, Nathan & Elmett the  
 just sum of twenty shillings Pennsylvania Currency  
 to be equally divided between them. Sixthly. I do will, that  
 all my just Debts & general Expences be discharged, and the  
 said Legacies be discharged by said, that my loving Wife  
 and my dutifull Son William, my only nominated & appointed  
 Executors and Executors, by me, be the sole and only true  
 Inheritors & Possessors of all my whole & singular real &  
 personal Estate, of all my whole & singular real & personal Estate  
 of both Money and Merchandise Goods & Chattels hereunto  
 lastly, writing as former Manner  
 showing this to be my only real &  
 and this I do with my full Power

1770  
15th Oct

In the Name of God, Amen I Ann Thomas of the Pro-  
 vince of North Carolina in Roman County being very  
 sick & low in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory Thanks  
 be to God calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and 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 and recommend my Soul into the Hands of almighty  
 God that gave it my Body I recommend to the Earth to be  
 buried in a decent & Christian Manner at the Discretion of  
 my Executors nothing Doubting but at the general Resur-  
 rection I shall receive the same 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 in the follow-  
 ing Manner First I give and bequeath to my son John Dills one  
 Shilling current money of great Brittain. Also the Plantation or  
 Tract of Land I the said Ann Thomas now lives on I give and be-  
 queath to my grand son, the eldest son of Peter Dill also one read  
 hind cow calf. Also I give to Peter Dills the youngest son of Peter  
 Dills one brown spotted Cow with her Calf. Also I give to Mary Spack-  
 ley Daughter to Peter Dills one Assell Plantation, also I leave all  
 my Stock and Household Stuff and my moveable Estate except the  
 Things already given to be sold by John Spackley and Henry  
 Dills whom I make and constitute and ordain the sole and  
 Executors of my last Will & Testament and after paying all my  
 lawfull Debts the Remission to be divided equally amongst  
 my Grand Children John Dills Children and Peter Dills Chil-  
 dren to be had and freely enjoyed. And I do hereby  
 wholly discontinue and resign all and every other former  
 Wills and Testaments I gave or made. In witness whereof I have  
 signed and sealed these my last Will and Testament by

confirm this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness  
 wherof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 15th Day of December  
 in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine.  
 Signed sealed published & pronounced & declared by the said Ann Thomas  
 as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in her presence  
 and in the presence of each other hereunto subscribed our Names  
 Past  
 John Dills  
 Abraham Dills

1760  
15th Oct

In the Name of God, Amen the first Day of October in the Year of  
 our Lord God one thousand seven hundred & sixty I John Thomas of the County  
 of Rowan in the Province of North Carolina being very sick  
 and weak in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory Thanks be given  
 unto God: therefore calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and  
 knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my  
 last Will and Testament: that is to say principally and first of all, I  
 give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of almighty God that gave it,  
 and by my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian  
 Manner, 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 & dispose of the same in the follow-  
 ing manner & form. First I will that my funeral Charges and all other  
 my just Debts be first paid by Money raised out of my Estate. -  
 Secondly I give & bequeath to Margaret my dearly beloved Wife the old  
 Buck Horse and the stray Mare and her gray Colt I live and bequeath  
 to my beloved Wife Margaret and to my son John and to my son Joseph  
 my Plantation wherewith I now live each of them to have an equal share  
 thereof to them and their Heirs and the above named Buck Horse the  
 stray Mare & her gray Colt to be & remain for the Use of the Plantation  
 wherewith I now live. In witness whereof I have signed and sealed these my  
 last Will and Testament by