

Declaring, testifying and confirming this and no other to be my last
Will and Testament. I Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand
and Seal this twenty third Day of March one thousand seven hundred
and sixty four.

Benjamin Bowden

Signed Sealed published & reduced by
the within named Benjamin Bowden to be
his last Will & Testament in the presence
of us who subscribed our Names in the pre-
sence of the said Benjamin Bowden.

William Dwyer

John Thomson

William Roy

Mark

I In the Name of God Amen, August the seventh in the Year of
our Lord God 1763 I William Bowen of North Carolina in Rowan
County being very sick & weak in Body but of perfect mind
and memory Thanks be given to God, therefore calling to mind the
shortness of my Days and knowing that it is appointed for
all men to die Do make and give this my last Will
& Testament that is to say principally and first all I give &
bequeath my Soul unto the Hands of God that gave it
and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a
quiet and decent Manner at the Direction of my Ex-
ecutors at the generall Resurrection I shall receive
life again by the mighty Power of God and as touching
those things which shall come to my dear friends I give
and bequeath as follows I give and bequeath the same in the following
Manner & Manner I leave to my beloved Wife the third part of
my movable Estate to wit the Clothes Bedding & Saddle the two plant
ation Horses with the two Cows and the two Hogs and the
plantation for the life of my Wife and

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plantation which I have bought during her lifetime
then after her decease I intend to return to my son John
and my daughter Elizabeth to my son John and the said plantation
jointly the plantation I live on Deep River I leave to
my daughter Elizabeth & Susan and their heirs & assigns to be equal
divided and the remainder part of my Estate I leave to be divided
between my son John, Ann, Thomas & Nicholas, I make my
Will and bequeath my beloved Wife, William Baldwin and Isaac Bow
Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby
revoke, revoke & annul all & every other former Testamen
tary & Executors by me in anywise before this time made
and bequith right & confirming this to be no other to be my last
Will and Testament. In witness hereof I have set my Hand & Seal
Day & Year above written, signed, sealed & reduced by the said
Bowen as his last Will and Testament in the presence of
but it is also my Will that my son John shall pay unto my
Nicholas when she comes at age the sum of ten pounds for
her dowry

William Gray
William Stephens
Ann & Mary
Mark

William

1763
July 6: I Morgan Bryan of Rowan County living in perfect
memory blessed be God for his Mercies do hereby
Declare as followeth Viz: I have bequeathed unto
son Thomas Bryan my dwelling house & plantation
part of a Negro Boy named Jack also my two
Horse called Black and the two Horses before
and my Plow and uttensils & furniture
viz: a man called James & his wife
son & daughter