

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 appoint-
 ed 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 &
 recommend 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 doubt-
 ing but to the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again
 united to my Soul by the mighty Power of God, and as touching
 such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this
 Life I give & dispose of the same in the following manner.
 and Form viz. First I appoint & allow all my legal Dots 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 & Son John 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
 repeal all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies
 and Bequestments and Executors by me in any manner
 named written 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

Legals appoint my Executors to make
 that Tract of Land I have sold Thomas
 Price.

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

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 1766 I Whereas 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 recommend my Soul 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 dispose & 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
 Dick my younger Brother that part of my Land