

(66) his right of executorship shall descend to the sur-
viving executor & then she shall draw her right of
Dower agreeable to Law. Signed sealed published &
pronounced to be the last will & Testament of Edward
McGuire in the presence of us the twentieth day
of March one thousand seven hundred & eighty five

Robert Mackie
No Carson
None

Edward ^{his} McGuire
mark

In the name of God Amen. I Gost Cope of Rowan
County State of North Carolina am loco in body
but of good wits and memory. I do give and
bequeath to my wife Mary Cope all my whole estate
to rear my small children upon after my debts is
all paid so long as she remains my widow until
my youngest child named Gost Cope comes to be
fifteen years of age and then she is to divide the
whole Estate and her share equally between
all my children she drawing her third of the whole
estate & if in case she marries before that time be ex-
posed then the whole of my Estate to be divided equally
and put to the use of my children she drawing
one child part. As witness my hand & seal
this tenth day of February one thousand seven
hundred & eighty five. I do hereby constitute

my wife Mary Cope with Joseph Brown to be
Executors of the same.

Michael Oliver
Gaston ^{her} Cope
mark

Gost Cope

In the name of God Amen I Ralph Ben of the province
of North Carolina & county of Rowan seriously consider
the uncertainty of human life and more particular
I am in a low condition tho am in proper mind and
Memory and declare this to be my last will and testament
intending to dispose of my worldly affairs before I am
called hence and am no more sick I most humbly recommend
my soul to that eternal supreme and intelligent being
who gave me my existence. And after this transitory
existence can make me live forever more at the same time
most earnestly deprecating his justes humbly beseech-
ing the most blessed & glorious Trinity one God most
holy most merciful & glorious to prepare me for the
time of my dissolution & than to take me to himself
in that happiness & felicity which he has prepared for
all that love and fear his holy name. As to my worldly
estate I will & positively order all my duty to be paid
First I give & bequeath unto my two sons Henry Ben
and Ralph Ben my first & sole Executors of this my last
will