

last Will & testament, that he may of sound disposing mind
and memory; and at the same time he saw John Bohannon
Patrick Burns & Joseph Rutledge sign the same as witnesses,
And ordered to be recorded. Recorded accordingly, J. Williams & Co

In the name of God amen; I Samuel Vance of Surry County
in the State of North Carolina, being sick of body, but sound
in mind and memory; calling to mind the mortality of
my body and knowing that it is appointed all men once
to die; do make this my last Will & testament, utterly
revoaking all Will by me formerly made.

Principally and first of all I give and recommend my
Soul to Almighty God that give it, and my body to the
Earth to be buried in decent Christian order 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
it hath pleased God to bless me with: I give & demise
(and dispose in the following manner and form.

First I give and bequeath to Mary my dearly beloved wife
the sole care and management of my estate during her
widowhood and no longer, and to my Son David Vance
five

and to my Son Samuel five shillings and to my daughter
Sarah Padesley and Hannah Lowrey five shillings
each and to the remainder of my Sons and daughters I
give and bequeath my whole estate to be divided
amongst them in the following manner, to my daughters
Abigail and Elizabeth I give and bequeath a part equal;
to Sarah and Hannah and to my three youngest Sons
James, John and Joseph Vance the remainder of my estate
equally amongst them by the consent of my wife, so
long as she continues a widow; but in case my Son
James & John or either of them if then should leave their
mother under age, except in marriage, they shall be
portioned equal to my three oldest Sons, and in case
my wife shall marry, she shall only have one eleventh
part of my estate; but so long as she continueth single
she shall not be deprived of her maintenance during her
life. Ratifying and confirming this and no other to
be my last will & Testament. In testimony whereof I
have hereunto set my hand & seal this 29th day of March
in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred
and eighty nine.

Signed sealed published
proven and declared

his
Samuel + Vance Seal
mark

by the said Samuel Vance
as his last will and

Testament in the presence of
who in his presence & in the presence
of each other have hereto
subscribed our names

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John Cummings } Jurat
Abraham Endsley }

Be it known to all men by the presents that I Samuel Vance
of Linn County have made and declared my last will &
Testament in writing bearing date the 29th of March 1789
I said Samuel Vance by this present Codicil; do testify
and confirm my last will and testament; and do further
give and bequeath unto my loving Son Joseph Vance twelve
pounds good & lawful money of North Carolina in Gold or
Silver, to be paid out of my estate and to be given for his
schooling and above this part as mentioned in my will
and so money to remain in the hands of my executor
which I do constitute to be my beloved wife and John
Sorvey and my will and meaning is that this Codicil be
adjoined to be a part of my last will and Testament and
that all things therein mentioned be faithfully and amply
performed in every respect as if the same will so declared
and set down in my last will & Testament.

Witness my hand and seal this 31st day of March
1789. Samuel + Vance Seal
mark

Signed in presence of
Abraham Endsley } Jurat
John Cummings }

90 North Carolina Surry County August term 1789. —

John Cummings and Abraham Podesley the two subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will & testament of Samuel Vance; made oath that they saw the said Samuel Vance sign, publish & declare the same to be his last will and testament, that he was of sound disposing mind & memory; and ordered to be recorded. Recorded accordingly H. J. Williams & Co

In the name of God amen; I John Strub of the State of North Carolina Surry County fell out of a waggon by accident, and finding myself very sick and weak in, or in perfect health of body, but or and of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God; calling unto mind of mortality of my body and knowing 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, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent christian burial at the direction 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 I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. First I give & bequeath