

Know all men by these presents that I Francis Strother of the County of
 Strother Butts in the Province of North Carolina for diverse good causes & considerations
 and do unto moving have made obtained authorized & appointed my Son
 John Strother of the same County & Province my true & lawful Attorney for
 me & in my name & to my use & to his Demand sue for recover & the costs of
 all every person & persons residing in the Colony of Virginia all such sum
 & sums of Money Debt due & Demand what so ever due owing by to me
 the said Francis Strother by & from the said persons respectively and
 have use & take all lawful ways & means in my name or other
 wife for the recovery thereof by attachment Amort or otherwise if
 and to compel and cause for the same & acquitances or other suffi-
 -cient Discharge for the same for me & in my name to make seal &
 deliver & to do all other lawful acts & things whatsoever in my name
 as fully in every respect as I myself could or might do were I person-
 -ally present ratifying & confirming all & whatsoever my said Attorney shall
 lawfully do or cause to be done in the premises by virtue of these presents In
 Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 24th
 Day of April A.D. One thousand seven hundred & sixty five.

Subscribed in presence of
 G. Mather Wm. Lister John Humphreys
 Butts County N.C. April Court 1765.
 Francis Strother (S)

This Power of Attorney was proved by the Oath of John Mather & William
 Lister two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on the how it was
 Ordered to be recorded. Teste Wm. M. Culloch CC

Know all men by these presents that I John Nicholson of Butts
 County in the Province of North Carolina for and in consideration of the
 sum of Ten pounds good money to me in hand paid by Charles
 Johnston of the County & Province aforesaid the receipt whereof I do hereby
 acknowledge have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do
 grant bargain & sell unto the said Charles Johnston the so hundred & seven
 acres of land within the aforesaid County on Pumpkin branch whereon now
 live six head of Cattle one Horse branded himself on the nose Buttock one black
 mare branded the two jaws & piggs three feather beds & furniture half a dozen
 chairs three chests four pewter dishes half a dozen plates three iron pots
 one frying pan with all other of my moveables of what kind so ever to him
 the said Charles Johnston his heirs & assigns to have and to hold

that aforesaid several articles above mentioned to him the said Charles John-
-ston his heirs and assigns to his only proper use & behoof of his said Charles
Johnston his heirs and assigns for ever and the said John Nicholson for
himself his heirs and assigns to his own use & behoof & agreed to and with the said Charles
Johnston that the said John Nicholson will warrant and for ever defend the pro-
-perty of the aforesaid several articles above mentioned to the said Charles Johnston
his heirs & assigns. In witness whereof the said John Nicholson hath hereunto
set his hand & seal the 2 day of Feb^r 1668. 1665.

Signed & Delivered in presence of

John Nicholson (L.S.)

Bonny Person Tra. Thornton

Butt County

April 1668

This Bill of Sale was proved by the Oath of Bonny Person one of the Subscribing wit-
-nesses to this Conveyance it was Ordered to be Recorded For to Ben. McCulloch Cl

D. Knowles
Will.

In the name of God Amen I Edward Knowles of Butt County
being Sick but of perfect Brains and memory thanks be to God for it I do make con-
-fession and avow that my last Will and Testament as followeth viz. I loved to
my beloved Wife Martha Knowles my whole Estate during of their Widowhood
or if she were Marys again my will and desire is that the said Martha shall
hold possess and enjoy my whole Estate during her natural life and after her
decease my will and desire is that my land whereon I live be divided
betwixt my two Sons William and Lawrens Knowles beginning at the Mill pond
at the mouth of the Spring branch and running up the said branch to Solomon and
my son Lawrens that part whereon the Mill stands I will that Martha Knowles all the
rest of my land my will and desire is that John Tawle shall have the liberty to
live where he now does during his mothers life provided nevertheless that he shall
not have the liberty to rent the place to another person nor to waite the said
or Timber and after my wife decease my will is that my movable Estate
be equally divided betwixt all my children William Lawrens Susanna
and Mary Knowles I have my will and desire is that William Knowles shall
have one half of the Mill that I now possess and Lawrens Knowles the other
half and if William Knowles dies without an heir lawfull begotten of his
body his part of the said shall fall to my son Lawrens and if Lawrens Knowles
dies without an heir lawfull begotten of his body his part shall fall to William
Knowles and lastly I avow that my wife Martha Knowles and William Knowles and Jane
Hardige ex^{rs} to this my last Will and Testament as witness my hand this second day
of November 1668.

Edward Knowles (L.S.)

Signed & sealed in the presence of
Jamez Hardige John Tawle

Butt County

April 1668

This Will was proved by the Oath of John Tawle one of the Subscribing