

William Whitson Will.

In the name of God Amen

The 16th day of October in the year of Our Lord 1783

I William Whitson of the County of Warrington and State of North Carolina being sick in body but of good and sound mind and thanks be to almighty God and calling to mind the uncertain estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield to death when it shall please God to call so make constitutes Bequeath and declare this my last will & testament in manner & form following reciting & declaring by these presents all and every testaments or testaments will or wills heretofore by me made and declared either by word or writing and this is to be taken only for my last will and testaments and none other, and first I give & bequeath my soul unto almighty God and my body to the earth to be buried in a plain & decent manner when it shall please my executors hereafter named to perform And now for settling of my temporal estate and such goods chattels and debts as it hath pleased God give above my debts to bestow upon me I do Over give dispose the same in manner and form following that is to say first I will that all my last debts which I owe to any person or persons whatsoever be truly paid or their convenient times after my decease by my executors hereafter named - Then I give and bequeath unto my son & plantation all my estate real and personal but with this exception should my Negro women hereafter have children - Then I give & bequeath unto my daughter Savannah Egan the first born of either of the said working children that shall live to be two years old. I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Egan the first born of either of the said

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unto my daughter Hannah Egan the first born of either of the said
working Children that shall live to be two years old. I also give and
bequeath unto my daughter Lydia May the second that shall live to
the same age. Then I do appoint my sons Joseph Whitson and Ephraim
Whitson to be exutors of this my last will and testament in writing
whereof I have hereunto set my hand the date above written -
Signed by the said William Whitson as his last will & testament in the
presence of us

William ^{his} Whitson
mark

Henny Wilson for
William Wood
Reuben Rider

The foregoing will was proven in court by the Oathes of
Henny Wilson for William Wood & Reuben Rider
the subscribing witnesses thereto at Newbern Supers 1783
& records -