

John GRAY WILL
Bertie Co., NC 1745
Will book G p 1
Secretary of State

In the name of God Amen. I, John Gray, Surveyor, of the County of Bertie, Surveyor, being in good health and perfect and sound in my mind do make and Ordain my last Will and Testament in manner and form following: that's to say, first I commend my soul to God that gave it; and my Body to the Dust; as to my worldly goods I distribut as follows:

Imprimis. I give and Bequeath to Anne, my loving Wife, three feather Beds and their Appurtenances, all my Houseld Furniture belonging to the lower Rooms, except on Desk, all my pewter and brass Pots and c at her own Disposal; also the meal, Cattle belonging to this Plantation, and fifteen Cows and Calves, and my Hoggs, two Horses at her choice, and a Mare and on half of the Sheep as afors's; also, the use of my Plantation where I now live as its bounded wt. A branch called Aunt Sarah's, by estimation four hundred Acres; and all the working Tools for the Plough or field; the use and labour of my Negroe Men Charles and Ned, and a woman called Sarah

I give and bequeath to my eldest son John, all and singular my Lands lying in Northampton and Edgecombe Countys; three hundred Pounds of this Currency. I do not get him a Negro man before this will's proved a negroe girl called Frank, the remaining part of my Sheep, half the Cattle on the Plantation after his mother gits her quota, a feather bed and the appurtinances; a Desk in the North Room, a doz. of new pewter Plates, ditto of Spoons, two dishes, all my bred of horses at Needhams Marsh.

I give and bequeath to my son, William, my Plantation where I now live, containing by estimation eight hundred acres, begin at the bread Branch running up to a branch opisit to the Plantation knowen by the name of Aunt Sarahs, y'n running up that Branch to the Line that Divides the Land I bought from Robert Hicks, y'n running West to the next branch, y'n down the branch to the broad branch, y'n up the broad branch to the East Line, then along that to a Pine on Cashia River side, then down the River to the first Station, to him and his Heirs for ever. If he dies before he arives at the Age of twenty one, or has not a child living in lawfull wedlock, in such case the land and all I bequeath him is to be sold by my executors by and with the consent of my Daughters, Anne and Barbaras husbands, if they have any, but nothing to be disposed of before my Wifes death, nor in less than Six Months after, and after Sold the Money arising from the seal of the Land and Chattles, to be divided equally amonges my five youngest daughters, Viz: Barbara, Anne, Lucretia, Amelia and Louisa. I further give him a Negro Boy called Jamey, and after the Decease of His mother, a negroe Wench Called Sarah, A Horse, two Mares, Twenty Head of Cattle, my Gun and Saddle and Bridle.

I give to my Daughter, Janet McKinzie, one Shilling, Sterling, having already given her a portion. To my Grand son John McKenzie, a breeding Mare, to be delivered him Six months after my deceas.

I give and bequeat to my daughter, Barbara, five hundred Acres of Land lying in Bertie county, on the west side of Cashia River, joining her brother Williams, beginning at the mouth of the broad branch running wt his boundarys to the Line of the survey, from thence to Thomas Turner's corner, y'n along his Several lines to make up the complement, to witt: one hundred pole along his line South to an Oak in His line, y'n East to the River, then up the River to the 1st Station; also, A negro Girl Called Thomasin, to Her and Her heirs for Ever.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter, Ann, and her heirs for ever, all the residue of my Land lying in Bertie County, on the West Side of Cashia river, beginning at Her Sister Barbara's corner, running thence west to Her other, then along Thomas Turner's line South to William Grigoreys corner, then along his line to the river, then up the river to the first Statione; and a negroe girl called Moll.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter, Lucretia, and Her heirs for ever two hundred acres of land lying in Craven County, joyning Maules branch, and Six Cows and Calves and a breeding Mare upon it, and a Negro Girl called Pat.

I give and bequeath to my daughter, Amelia two hundred and fifty Acres of Land, lying in the County of Bertie, in the Indians Woods, and a negro boy called Cooper, to her and her heirs for Ever.

I give an bequeath to my daughter, Louisa, a negro boy called Marke, and a Negroe Girl called Linda.

My Will, and I do hereby order, that six Months after the decess of my Wife, all my negroes not her bequeathed, cattle horses or any kind or manner of Goods whatsoever, be got together by my Executors and my Children, at any time or times and to be divided into Six equal parts and each of my Six youngest children is to have one, viz: Barbara, Ann, William, Lucretia, Amelia, and Louise, and John and Janet is to have no share either of the Negroes left to their mother during her natural life, or those not mentioned in this Will, each to have there part the day of Marriage of the girls and Boys the same.

Revolking all former Wills by me made I do constitute and appoint my loving brother Edward Bryan, and my loving Nephew, Thomas Whitmell, to b Joyn Executors, and Anne, my loving Wife Executrix, to this my last Will and testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and afixed my seal, this 20th day of September in eighteen year of the Reign of our sovering Lord, King George, the 2d. Annoq Domi 1745

John Gray (seal)

Witt: David Gray, Jas Watson, Dugald McKichen