

Will of Humphrey Lawrence Bertie County NC: In the Name of God Amen April 26th 1771 I Humphrey Laurence of North Carolina Bartie County Goldsmith being very sick and weak in body, but perfect mind and Memory Thanks be to God and Calling to mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to Die Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to say principally & first of all I give & Bequeath my Soul into the Hands of God who gave it & for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian Like manner 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 wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this Life I give devise and Dispose of the same in Manner & form following That is to say in the first place

I Leave unto Ann my Dearly beloved Wife negro Fellow called Ben, also the House and plantation during her term of life also all --- part of the Household goods and Stock For the said Term and after her decease to be equally divided among my Children.

To my Dearly beloved son Frederick I give a piece of Land which I Bought of Wm Virgin also an Equal part of the Household stuff and Cattle.

To my Son Reuben I leave him the Land which lies between David Bryan & Ben Cook also an Equal Part of the Household stuff and Cattle also one Negro Boy called Granvill. To My Son David Laurence I give part of a still which is two thirds belonging between my Sister Elizabeth Spruil and me also one Negro Boy called Isaac & my Working tools also my riffle.

To my Daughter Ann Laurence I give one Girl named Treser and an equal part of the Household Goods

and to my Son Nathaniel I give the Negro Wench and part of the Household Goods N B none of the Goods Shall be divided Till her death.

I make Constitute and ordain my only Sole Executors my Dearly beloved wife and Humphrey Nicholas of this my Last Will & Testament.

I do hereby dis-allow all and every other Testaments Wills Legacies Bequests and Exor by Me any ways before this time Named Willed & Bequeath Ratifying & Confirming this and no Other to be my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand & Seal the Day & Year Written. Humphrey (H) Laurence seal

Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Humphrey Laurence as he Last Will and Testament in the presents of us that is to Say

William Kington Jurat; Charles Hodgeson; Elizth (x) Boulton

Bertie County June Court 1772: proved by William Kington. Test John Johnston CJC