

Will of Mordecai White, 1776 - 1779 Bertie Co NC

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Transcribed verbatim from the copy in NC Archives which differs from the copy I read at the Bertie Court House.

In the Name of God Amen, I MORDECA WHITE of North Carolina in the County of Bertie Planter, being Weak & Low in health, of Body, Yet / Blessed be God / of Sound and Perfect understanding of mind & memory, do constitute & ordain this my Last Will & Testament, & desire it may be taken by all as such, -----

Imprimis I first of all bequeath my soul to God that gave it, beseeching his Most Gracious acceptance of it through the alsufficient Merits & Mediation of my Most Compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ, who I trust ever liveth to make Intercession for me & will not Reject me a Returning Penitent Sinner, & my Body I agive to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian Burial, at the Discretion my Executors hereafter named, And as to my worldly Estate, I give & dispose of in the following maner, first I will & Possitively Order that all my Debts be Paid. -----

Item .. I give to my GRANDSON WILLIAM WHITE one Shilling Sterling, he being the oldest son of my Eldest son WILLIAM WHITE because my said son WILLIAM had his Portion before he died.

Item .. I give & bequeath to my son LUKE WHITE one Shilling Sterling because he has had his Portion already

Item .. I give & bequeath to my Daughter ABIGAIL BUTLER one Shilling Sterling because She has had her Portion already

Item .. I give & bequeath to my son MORDECA WHITE one Shilling Sterling because he has had his Portion already

Item .. I give & bequeath to my son JOHN WHITE one Shilling Sterling because he has had his Portion already

Item .. I give & bequeath to my son MEDIA WHITE one Shilling sterling because He has had his Portion already

Item .. All the Remainder Part of my Estate both Real & Personall, I Lend to my Daughter REBECA GAINS during her widowhood / because of the trouble She has had with me & her Mother, & for Divers good causes & Valuable considerations / and after her Marriage or at the end or term of her Widowhood or Life I give & dispose of it in the following manner & form

Item .. I give & bequeath to my GRANDSON AMOS WESTON / son of my abovesaid Daughter REBECCA GAINS / all my Land & Planatation whereon I now Live / to him his heirs 7 assigns forever / but in Case he the said AMOS WESTON Dies without Issue Lawfully begotten, then & in that case the abovesaid Land & Plantation to Descend to his Sister SARAH GAINES, And if SARAH GAINES dies without heirs of her body Lawfully begotten, then & in that case the said Land and Plantation to Desend to my GRANDSON KING WHITE,

son of my son JOHN WHITE his heirs & assigns forever
Item .. I give & bequeath to my abovesaid GRANDSON AMOS WESTON my
Negro man Ring Immediately after My Daughter REBECA GAINS married or
Dies, to him his heirs & assigns forever
Item .. I give & bequeath to my GRAND DAUGHTER SARAH GAINS my Negro
Woman Moll Immediately after my daughter REBECCA GAINES Marries or dies,
to her her heirs & assigns forever
Item .. I give & bequeath to my abovesd GRANDDAUGHTER SARAH GAINS all
the Remaindr part of my Estate of what kind or Nature Soever after my Daughter
REBECCA GAINS Marries or Dies, Or at the end of her Life or Widowhood, to
her her heirs & assigns for ever
Item .. & Lastly I constitute ordain & Appoint My Daughter REBECCA GAINS
Executrix & my Friend JESSEE HARDY Executor of this my Last Will Testament
& trustees for my Children & Legaties, Utterly & Disannulling & Revoking all other
former will or Wills ratifying & confirming this & no Other to be my Last will &
Testament.
In Witness whereof I do hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 13th day of May in
the year of our Lord 1776

MORDECA WHITE his mark
Signed Sealed declared & pronounced
by the said MORDICA WHITE to be his
Last Will & testament in the Presence of us
WM HARDY son of LAMB
SARAH X HARDY her mark
ELISABETH HARDY

November Court 1779
Bertie County
Proved in due form of Law in open Court by the Oath of ELISABETH HARDY
one of the Subscribing Witnesses and Ordered to be Recorded. Test. Stevens
Gray CC