

Will of Thomas Ward

In the name of God Amen (March fourteenth year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five)

I Thomas Ward of Bertie County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak but of sound disposing mine and memory thanks be unto God for the same and Calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life and knowing it is appointed once for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner & form as followeth

Item First I Give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Pheraby Ward one negro woman named Sofia half of my hogs three Cows and Calves four ewes and lambs one horse Called Springer one bridle & saddle one bed & furniture to dispose of as she shall or may think proper I also lend my beloved wife two negroes one negro man named Black David one Girl named Hester all my plantation Utensils and kitchen furniture that I have not given away to the several Legacies in their legacies during her natural life with the uses of my houses & plantation I now live

Item I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Winiford Holley one negro woman Pegg and her increase one bed and furniture one Large Iron Pott two Cows and Calves which said property is now in her possession I say to her and her heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my son Michael Ward one negro boy named Simon one steer one bed and furniture all which is now in his possession Except the negro boy I say to him and his heirs forever I likewise lend my son Michael Ward the plantation whereon he now lives his natural life and after his death I Give and devise the said land and plantation unto my Grand Son William Ward I say to him and his heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son James Ward four hundred Acres of Land whereon he now lives one negro boy Jo one bed and furniture one Gun one Cow & Calf which is now in possession I say to him & heirs forever Item I Give and bequeath unto my son Isaac Hill Ward one Negroe boy named Charles one bed and furniture two Cows and Calves to him his heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my son Joshua Ward the Land plantation whereon I now live with all my Land adjoining thereto two Negroes (to wit) Yellow David and one boy named James one bed & furniture one pair of Grist Mill Stones one pair hand mill stones one whipsaw one one crocut saw one yoke of oxen cart and wheels & one brandy still I say to him & his heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Garrett one Negroe Girl named Jimima to her and her heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Lewton one Negroe Girl named Rose one bed and furniture one Linnen wheel two Cows and Calves and four head of sheep all which she hath now possession of and one walnut desk I say to her and her heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Pheraby Sparkman one Negroe boy named Daniel one bed and furniture one linnen wheel two Cows & Calves and one looking Glass all which she hath heretofore received I say to her and her heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Ward one negroe woman named Lidea and her Child named Rachel one bed and furniture one Linnen wheel two Cows and Calves and two ewes and Lambs I say to her and her heirs forever

Item I Give & bequeath unto my daughter Ann Outlaw one Negroe woman named Dinah one bed and furniture one Linnen wheel two Cows and Calves which she hath heretofore received and two ewes & lambs I say to her & her heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elendor Ward one Negroe man Black David one Negroe Girl named Hester after the decease of my beloved wife Phereaby Ward likewise one bed and furniture one Linnen wheel two Cows & Calves and two ewes and Lambs I say to her and her heirs forever I also will and desire that the horse before mentioned in my beloved wife's Legacy shall be given & I do hereby give and bequeath him to my said Daughter Elendar Ward (after the decease of my beloved wife to her and her heirs forever

Item I hereby impower and direct my Executors to make a good and lawfull Kite an Title to Jerimiah Freeman for a certain messuage or tenement track or parcel of Land which I now hold under entry which land Jno Freeman decd bought of Michael Brittain the said Jeremiah Freeman paying to them the cost and Expençe of saving the same

**Item I will and desire that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and discharged and that the remaining part of my Estate that hath not before been mentioned be sold and my Just debts funeral charges etc be paid & discharged out of the money arising therefrom and that the remain-ing part be equally divided amongst my Six Children Joshua Ward, Martha Luten, Pheraby Sparkman, Elizabeth Ward, Ann Outlaw, & Elindar Ward Item Lastly I constitute and appoint my friend Solomon Cherry and my three Sons Isaac H Ward, James Ward, and Joshua Ward Executors to this my last will and Testament and I do hereby Revoke & disallow and make void all former wills and Testaments heretofore by me made ratyfing this and no other to be my last will and Testament
Thos Ward**

Signed Sealed a Delivered in the presance of Test

Wm Watford, Jona Spivey Jno Campbell

Bertie County November 1796:

proved by Wm Watford & Jonathan Spivey. George Gray

