

WILLIAM GRAY

May 20, 1784

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Gray of Bertie County and State of North Carolina being in my perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my 1st will and testament in the following manner.

First, I recommend my Soul to Almighty God who gave it and my Body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named; my wordle goods I dispose of in the following manner, first I desire that all my just debts be paid.

I give and bequest to my loving wife the follwing negroes to wit:

Adam, Eve, Charles, Polison and Sam.

A black mare acled Poll and a chestnut Sorrel Mare called Len, three horses, Small Hopse, Indian and Sparrow, six cows and calves, one yoke of oxen, four steers, thirty head of hogs, four sows and pigs, all my sheep, all my kitchen furniture, three feather beds and furniture, half a dozen maple chairs, all my tables, one mahogany desk and book case, all my knives and forks, plates spoons, and table linen to her and her heris and assigns forever and the use of any one of my plantations during her natural life.

To my son, Steven Gray --

one negro man named Ned which he has had in his possession some years past, small piece of land and one feather bed and furniture.

To my daughter, Ann Blount -- one negor girl called Silvia which she has had in her possession.

To my daughter, Elizabeth Bryan -- one negro woman named Ester which she has had in her possession.

To my son, John Gray -- plantation and land called Rosefield

To my daughter, Frances - one negro girl named Grace, one feather bed and furniture, one mare called Panthy and a lot in the Town of Windsor.

To my daughter, Jannet -- one negro boy named Jack and a lot in Windsor

To my daughter, Eleanor - one negro girl named Jude, a lot in the Town of Windsor, mare called Hiller and feather bed and furniture.

To my son, George - plantation and land called the Mill field, negro boy named Dick, one mare called Venus, feather bed and furniture, and two sows and pigs.

To my daughter, Maragaret -- negro girl named Chloe, one negro boy named Tom, one chestnut filly called Jenny Dismal, one feather bed and furniture.

To my son, William -- plantation and land where I am living now, negro boy named Freemand, feather bed and furniture.

To my daughter, Penelope -- one negro gril named Hannah, one negro boy named Peter, bed and furniture.

To my daughter, Polly--one negro boy named John, one negro girl named

Rachel, feather bed and furniture.

All lots in town not before given away are to be divided between my daughters, Ann, Elizabeth, Margaret, Penelope and Polly.

Friend Samuel Johnson and Sons, Stevens Gray and John Gary are to be named Executors.

The will was signed, sealed, published and declared by William Gray to be his last will and testament. Witnesses were S. Dickinson, Henry Harramond and Jos. H. Elleck.