

Henry Bonner, 1738

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Henry Bonner, of Chowan precinct, in the province of north Carolina, planter, Calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, Do make and ordain this Instrument of Writing to be and purport my Last Will and testament, and as to what Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with here, I Give and bequeath in the manner and form following, to wit:

I Give and bequeath to my son, Henry Bonner, all that my plantation, tract, or seat of Land Lying in the precinct aforesaid, and whereon I now Live, with the Appurtenances, to him and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath all that my plantation, tract, or seat of Land Lying in Greenhall, in the precinct aforesaid, and the appurtenances, to my said son, Henry Bonner, and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son, Thomas Bonner, all these my three plantations, tracts, or seats of Land Lying in the precinct aforesaid, Comonly called and known by the names of Brin's, Holes's, and Jones's plantation, with their appurtenances, to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath all that my plantation, tract, or seat of Land Lying in the precinct aforesaid, comonly Called by the name of Bayes's plantation, to my Grandson, Richard Lewis, and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my said son, Henry Bonner, all the Stock of what nature or kind soever that is now on and belonging to the aforesaid plantation in Greenhall, and Six Negroe Slaves Called, to wit: Sam, James, Maria, priss, Kate and Bob, One new feather bed and furniture, one Oval table, one brass kettle, six new peuter dishes, four peuter basons, six peuter sup plates, six peuter fiat plates.

I give unto my said son Thomas Bonner all and every of the stock that is now on, and belonging to the aforesaid two plantations Called Brin's and Holes's, and five Negroe slaves called, to wit: Cush, Siew, Cudjoe, Tomboy and Doll, One new feather bed and furniture, One Oval table, six new pewter dishes, four pewter basons, six sup plates, and Six fiat plates, and One mare.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter, Elizabeth Lewis, One Negroe woman slave, Called Grace, One new feather bed and furniture.

I give and bequeath to my Grandson, Richard Lewis, a Negroe girl slave called, Nann.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter, Deborah Bonner, One new feather bed and furniture, and three Negroe slaves Called, Minge, Simon, and phebe.

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter, Mary Bonner, One new feather bed and furniture, and three Negroe slaves Called, Daniel, Dinah, and Jane.

I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter, Sarah Lewis, One Negroe Slave Called Joan.

I give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter, Deborah Lewis, one Negroe slave Called, Moll.

I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my personal Estate unto my said Children, to wit: Henry, Thomas, Elizabeth, Deborah, and Mary, to be Equally divided amongst them.

And all the rest and residue of my real Estate, I Order and direct my Executor, hereafter mentioned, to dispose of, and the moneys arising therefrom to be Laid out for the Educating and maintaining my two Daughters, Deborah, and Mary, in their minority, and that they Live with my Daughter, Elizabeth, and that she have the Care and management of them. And further it is my Will and pleasure, that my son, Henry, before the Negroes are Divided between him and his Brother Thomas, do make or Cause to be made upon One of the plantations herein bequeathed unto the said Thomas, which he, the said Thomas, shall direct sixty thousand bricks for building a house thereon.

It is my Will and pleasure that my said son, Thomas, do Live with my son Henry, during his minority, and I appoint my friend John Benbery to take care that the Estate herein bequeathed to the said Thomas, be not in the mean time be embeziled or wasted.

And I do hereby nominate and appoint my said son, Henry Bonner, to be Executor of this my Last Will & testament, Revolting and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made, and pronouncing, publishing and Declaring this to be my Last Will and testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, at Chowan precent aforesaid, the twenty first day of September, 1738.

his

Henry B Bonner. (Seal)

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Sealed, pronounced, published, and Declared in the presence of:

Jos. Anderson.

Abram. Blackall.

James Potter.

October ye 7th. 1738.

Came before me Dr. Abraham Blackhall, & James Potter, & made oath that they saw Coil: Henry Bonner, sign, seal & publish ye within as his last will & testament, that he was of sound & disposing mind & memory, & that Mr. Joseph Anderson subscribed as a witness thereto.

At the same time, Mr. Henry Bonner took ye oath appointed by law to be taken by executors.

W. Smith, Clerk.