

Will, NC, Chowan, EDWARD VAIL, 1775

North Carolina
Chowan County

In the name of God Amen.

I **EDWARD VAIL** of the county and province of War said calling to mind it is appointed for all men wants to die to make & ordain this my last will and testament revoking and disannulling all wills by me heretofore made.

FIRST I give my wife **SUSANNAH VAIL** the use of my house Barn at my back Plantation one third part of the land belonging to that plantation during her natural or widowhood.

ITEM I give my wife the use of the following Negroes KATE and PATIENCE during her natural life or widowhood and after her marriage or decease to be equally divided between my two sons **THOMAS [VAIL]** and **FREDERICK VAIL**.

ITEM I give my wife the use of my double chair grey horses, and the white horse, six cows and calves, two yoke of oxen and a cart, all of my sheep, two beds and furniture, one with curtains, one ten chest, her side saddle, one pair of looking glasses, one square mahogany table, one black square table, one walnut desk called hers, one walnut tea table, one pine cupboard, one large walnut chest, one pine chest, all of my kitchen furniture, all my china and crockery ware, knives and forks, loom, and tackle belonging thereto, the spinning wheels, one pair cast andirons, tongs and shovel, one bellows, two plows, four hoes, to axes and all the meat and grain in the house, six sows and pigs. And after her marriage or deceased then to be equally divided between my two young sons **THOMAS** and **FREDERICK VAIL**.

ITEM I give to my wife to use of my silver two ??? cup, silver table spoons and teaspoons and punch saddle one small case and bottles. And after her marriage or deceased to be divided between my sons **THOMAS** and **FREDERICK VAIL**.

ITEM I given and bequeath unto my son **JEREMIAH VAIL** my dwelling house and plantation on the sound side and all land on that side of the swamp which divides my two plantations, to him and the male heirs of his body lawfully begotten and for want of such heirs to my son **THOMAS VAIL** and the male heirs of his body lawfully begotten and for want of such heirs to my son **FREDERICK VAIL** and the male heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever.

ITEM I give to my son **JEREMIAH VAIL** one negro man called ERIC one negro wench called WANDER and my writing desk.

ITEM I give to my son **EDWARD VAIL** my back plantation and all the land and swamp which divides that from my front plantation to him and the male heirs of his body lawfully begotten and for want of such heirs to my son **THOMAS VAIL** and the male heirs of his body lawfully begotten and for want of such heirs to my son **FREDERICK VAIL** and the male heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **EDWARD VAIL** one negro man called BRISTER one negro boy called JACK one gun called Eyre, one bed and furniture.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **THOMAS VAIL** one negro boy TOBY and one bed and furniture, my silver watch, and horse Cyrus.

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ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **FREDERICK VAIL** one negro boy **CESAR** one mare called Queen, and one bed and furniture, my shoe, knee and stock buckle.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my sons **THOMAS** and **FREDERICK VAIL** the Negroes hereafter named, to wit: RACHEL, "NASH", ROSE, PATIENCE, JUDAH and HARRY they and their increase to be equally divided between them when **THOMAS VAIL** arrives at age.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **EDWARD FREDERICK** my water mill.

ITEM I give my wife one dressing chest and all the chairs about the house also the table linen.

ITEM it is my will that my son **EDWARD VAIL** have one half of my house called young "Pastner" and the other half to be sold and the money applied towards payment of my debts.

And I do appoint the Reverend Mr. **CHARLES PETTIGREW** and **JOHN BAPTIST BEASLEY** executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of November 1775

EDWARD VAIL

Sign Sealed and c. in the presence of

THOMAS BENBURY, jurat
CHARLES BENBURY
ROBERT DAVISON

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State of North Carolina
Chowan County

Had a County Court in session of the peace held the 17th day of June 1777 it being the third Tuesday in the same month

Present the worshipful State justices

Last will and testament of **EDWARD VAIL** deceased was introduced in open court and proven by the oath **THOMAS BENBURY** one of the subscribing witness is thereto, and at the same time **JOHN BAPTIST BEASLEY**, one of the executors in the said will, qualified to the same by taking the oath prescribed by law for the qualification of executors.

Ordered that letters testamentary may issue thereon.

JAMES BLOUNT Clerk of Court

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