

Will, NC, Currituck, Lemuel Gray 1783

The State of North Carolina ]  
Currituck County ]

In the name of God Amen.

I love you **LEMUEL GRAY** being weak of body but of sound disposing memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and that it is once appointed unto man to die to make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath to my son **STEPHEN GRAY** one tract of land containing one hundred acres known by the name of Tincey joining on the land of **WILLIS UPTON, JAMES WHITE** to him my said Son and to the Heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever. Also one negro child named **SUCKEY** and one negro fellow named **ADAM** to my said son **STEPHEN GRAY** and his heirs as aforesaid forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **NANCY GRAY** one negro wench named **SARAH** to her and her heirs lawfully begotten of her body forever. Also one negro wench named **PEGG** to her and her heirs as aforesaid forever reserving the use of said wench **SARAH** to my dearly beloved wife **BRIDGET GREY** during her natural life as also I do hereby reserve the use of all the other Negroes to my wife before said until my children **STEPHEN** and **NANCY GRAY** come to age and if the wenches **SUCKEY** and **PEGG** have offspring when my children come to age to be equally divided between them and to be continued so divided to them their heirs as aforesaid forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my wife as aforesaid one mare named **Lightning** and one horse named **Jacob** forever, and respecting my mortal possessions wherewith it has pleased God to bless me both within doors and without, as beds, and stock, as cattle, horses, hogs, pewter, & c. after my just debts is paid I will and bequeath the use of them to my wife **BRIDGET GRAY** during her natural lifetime and then equally divided between my two children as aforesaid **STEPHEN** and **NANCY GRAY** and their heirs lawfully begotten forever.

LASTLY I will and desire that my wife **BRIDGET GRAY** and **THOMAS TAYLOR**, her uncle, be and are hereby appointed the sole executor to this my last will and testament given under my hand and seal this 3rd day of July 1783.

**LEMUEL GRAY** {seal}

**THOMAS JARVIS**  
**EUSTACE O'BRIEN**, jurat

Recorded and examined the 19th day of January and October Anno Domini 1784.