

Will, NC, Granville, Avery Parham 1806

In the name of God amen I **AVERY PARHAM** of the county of Granville in the state of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul to God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent burial at the discretion of friends and as touching such worldly estate with it have pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First I give to my daughter **POLLEY PARHAM** one feather bed and furniture, one cow, one chest or box

I give to my daughter **MILLEY PARHAM** one feather bed and furniture, one chest or box.

I give to my daughter **BETTY PARHAM** one feather bed and furniture one cow one chest.

All the rest of my property I give to my loving wife **MARY PARHAM** for her to possess as long as she liveth and after her death the land to be divided between **RICHARD PARHAM** and **FREDERICK PARHAM**, that is to say I give and bequeath to my loving wife **MARY PARHAM**, all and singular, my lands, messages and tenements by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed.

And I do hereby utterly disallowed, revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments, wills, legacies, bequest and executors by me in any way before named, willed and bequeathed, ratifying confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In the witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of April in the year of our Lord 1806.

Signed, sealed in the presence of { If anything is left after her death
{ **LUCY, CHARLOTTE, POLLEY, MILLEY, BETTY**
{ is to divide it between them.

FRANCIS HESTER
LEWIS PARHAM

AVERY PARHAM {seal}

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This day came before us **WILLIAM G BOWEN** and **JESSE COBB**, two of the justices of the peace for said county, **BENJAMIN HESTER** and **LEWIS PARHAM Jr.** and make an oath as follows viz.

BENJAMIN HESTER deposeth and sayeth that the signature of **AVERY PARHAM**, whose name appears on the annexed will, and the subscribing witnesses **FRANCES HESTER** and **LEWIS PARHAM Sr.** he believes to be the hand Wright of said persons and that said Witnesses are now dead to the best of his knowledge and belief.

LEWIS PARHAM Jr. deposeth and sayeth that the signatures of **LEWIS PARHAM Sr.**, whose name appears to the annexed will as a subscribing witness, he believes to be his hand wright to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn before us this 3rd day of February 1824

W G BOWEN JP

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I **STEPHEN K SNEED** clerk of the court of pleas and Quarter Sessions held for the county and state aforesaid do hereby certify that the signature **WILLIAM G BOWEN** and **JESSE H COBB** are which appears to the foregoing certificate acting justices of the peace in said county and that due faith and credit should be placed in their official act as such.

Given under my hand and seal at office at the courthouse in Oxford this 25th day of February 8th 1824

STEVEN K SNEED, clerk of court