

Will, NC, Granville, Avery Parham 1806

In the name of God, Amen.

I **AVERY PARHAM** of the county of Granville and state of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, calling unto mind the mortality of the 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 my friends and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath 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 furnature, one cow, one chest or box.

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

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

And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disanull all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies, bequests and executors by me in any ways before named, willed and bequeathed, ratifying, confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six.

AVERY PARHAM {seal}

If anything left after her death **LUCY, CHARLOTTE, POLLEY, MILLEY, BETTY** is to divide it between them.

Signed, sealed in presence of

FRANCIS HISTER
LOUIS PARHAM

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This day came before us **WILLIAM G. BOWEN & JESSE A. COBB**, two of the justices of the Peace for said County **BENJAMIN HISTER & LOUIS PARHAM** & maketh oath as follows (viz).

BENJAMIN HISTER deposeth & saith that the signature of **AVERY PARHAM** whose name appears to the annexed will & the subscribing Witness **FRANCIS HISTER & LOUIS PARHAM** is, he believes, to be their hand write of said persons & that said witnesses are now dead to the best of his knowledge & belief.

LOUIS PARHAM JR. deposeth & saith that the signature of **LOUIS PARHAM SR.** whose name appears to the annexed will as a subscribing witness he believes to be his hand write to the best of his knowledge & belief.

Sworn to before us this 3rd day of February 1824.

WILLIAM G. BOWEN, JP

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Granville County

February Term 1824

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 of **WILLIAM G. BOWEN** and **JESSE A. COBB** are which appear to the foregoing certificate are acting justices of the peace in said county and that full faith and credit should be placed in their official acts as such.

Given under my hand and seal at office at the court house in Oxford this 25th day February 1824.

Stephen K. Sneed, Clk