

Will, NC, Johnston, Frederick Reeves 1791

In the name of God, Amen.

The 28th to day August 1791, I **FREDERICK REEVES** of Johnston County and the state of North Carolina, planter, being very sick and weak of body but a perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God, therefore calling on to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die to make and ordain this, my last will and testament, that is to say:

PRINCIPALLY and FIRST of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it in my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the Same Again by The Mighty power of God. And as touching my worldly estate, which it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following Manner and form, viz:

FIRST I lend during her natural life to **BETTY** my dearly beloved wife one bay mare named Pegg, two cow and calves, one two year old heifer, one two-year-old steer, five year-old hogs and one sow, and five pigs. Also all of my household furniture consisting of bed, loom and & c & c., and Plantation tools with all my ready money now and hand and note against **ALEXANDER SMITH** for three pounds twelve shillings.

All the rest of my state real and personal I give and bequeath unto my children to be sold and the money arising to be equally divided among them to wit: **LYDIA, HARTWELL, SYNTHA**, and if my wife should have another child, within the space of nine months from the date hereof, that same shall inherit an equal share with the rest of my children that is all ready named.

I do likewise constitute make and ordained my beloved wife **BETTY** executrix and **JOHN STEPHEN**'s executor of this my last will and testament.

And I do hereby actually disavow, revoke and disannul all every and other former will and testament, legacy, bequest and executor in any way by me before named ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

**FREDERICK REEVES** {seal, his X mark}

Signed Sealed pronounced declared by the said **FREDRICK REEVES** to be his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers

**ALEXANDER AVERYT**  
**WILLIAM AVERYT**

November Court 1791