

Will, NC, Mecklenburg, Francis Beatty 1773

In the name of God Amen.

This twenty ninth day of June in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred and seventy three, I **FRANCIS BEATEY [BEATY]** of Mecklenburg County and providence of North Carolina being weak in body but in perfect mind and memory. Blessed be the Almighty God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body that it is appointed for all men once to die. Do make, ordain, constitute and appoint this my Last Will and Testament and that I desire that it may be received by all concerned as such. And first I give and recommend my soul into the hand of God my most merciful Creator, Redeemer and Sanctified who gave the same, nothing doubting but that at the last day I shall receive the same at the great day of Resurrection by the Almighty power of God who fashioned and made me very sensible was good for me to be afflicted. And I now think God for all his mercies and pray for wisdom and prudence of Mind to set my house in order and settle the affairs thereof with discretion unto the end by the grace of God whose most glorious name be praised forever more world without end, Amen.

And my body I recommend to the dust from whence it came, to be buried in a Christian like manner (not in pomp or state) at the direction of my executors who I doubt not will manage the same with all proper gravity and prudence. And to touching my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me, This is my will and I do hereby order and dispose of give, bequeath demise and Devise thereof in the following manner and form. And first I order all my Debts and funeral charges to be paid.

IMPRIMIS. I give and bequeath to my beloved son **THOMAS BEATEY**, his heirs and assigns forever one moiety or 1/2 part of my 640 acres of land on both sides of Little Broad River at the mouth of Hickory Creek in Tryon County, provided that the same **THOMAS** shall give to his son **FRANCIS** 1/3 of the value thereof when he comes to the age of maturity. Also I give to my grandson **FRANCIS** son of said **THOMAS** 5 pounds proc money to buy a Geneva bible.

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved son **JAMES BEATEY** his heirs and assigns forever the 200 acres of land originally granted to **TOBIAS ADCOCK**. I likewise give and bequeath to his son **FRANCIS** 6 pounds proc money to purchase Burkett on New Testament and Drilling Court on Death and Mr. John Flavel's Works and that the said **JAMES BEATEY** shall pay to his brother **ROBERT BEATEY** 30 pounds proc money in case the weakness of his limbs should render him incapable of a livelihood obtaining or becoming burdensome or a charge to others and not else. N. B. said **JAMES** is to pay said **ROBERT** in sickness or in health.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my well beloved son **HUGH BEATEY** his heirs and assigns forever 200 acres of land lying on Hickory Creek in Tryon County being the upper part of a tract of 300 acres, which I purchased of **JAMES TATE** on condition that he the said **HUGH BEATEY** shall give to his son **FRANCIS** 1/2 of the value thereof when he comes to the years of maturity Also I give to his son **FRANCIS** 5 pounds to buy a Geneva Bible. And I order my executors o convey the fee simple unto my son **HUGH** his heirs And assigns forever of a land joining **JOHN BEATEY** and **ROBERT ARMSTRONG** land on The north side of First Broad River the warrant thereof is in my name.

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ITEM I give and bequeath to my well beloved son **JOHN BEATEY** one horse and the bay mare which he brought from Virginia with her stallion colt provided that he the said **JOHN BEATEY** shall pay his brother **ROBERT BEATEY** 50 pounds proc in case the weakness of his limbs should render him hereafter incapable of obtaining a livelihood or become burdensome or a charge to others and not else said **JOHN** is to pay **ROBERT** 25 pounds in any case.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my well beloved son **FRANCIS BEATEY** his heirs and assigns forever all of the 80 acres of land on the north side of Paw Creek joining **JOHN BEATEY, JOHN CATHEY,** and his own line and 100 acres of land part of the tract of land which I had of **JAMES TATE** on Hickory Creek in Tryon County Also the sorrel mare one horse plow and plow trekings and ten pounds proc to purchase a Geneva Bible and other good books.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my well beloved son **ROBERT BEATEY** and his heirs and assigns forever 305 acres of land being part of my 400 acres and part of the 210 acres I purchased of **SAMUEL ALLEN** on the south of said land and on the east of the Catawba River in Mecklenburg County. Also all my surveying instruments with a horse and saddle worth twenty pounds proc and 10 pounds proc to buy a Geneva Bible and other goods books and a plow and plow tackling.

ITEM I give and bequeath my beloved son **WALLACE BEATEY** his heirs and assigns forever 305 acres of land being part of my four hundred acres and part of the 210 acres I purchased of **SAMUEL ALLEN** on the north end of the said land. And 300 acres of land on both sides of Hickory Creek that I purchased of **JAMES BEATEY** and the 200 acres of land situated in Tryon County on Muddy Fork of Buffalo about 2 miles below **JAMES KELLEY's** including the great meadow and one horse and the roan mare with plow and plow tackling and 10 pounds proc to purchase a Geneva Bible the Works of Oscar Ambrose and other good books.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my well beloved son-in law **ROBERT GREY** his heirs and assigns forever a tract of 400 acres of land in Tryon County on both sides of First Broad River including the Holton Rocker Cove provided that his son **JOHN GREY** shall be entitled to a 1/3 of the value thereof. And I give 5 pounds proc to his daughter **ELIZABETH GREY** to buy her a Bible and the Works of Mr. **ANDREW GREY.**

ITEM I will and bequeath to my well beloved son-in-law **ROBERT ARMSTRONG** and **AGNES** his wife the sum of 20 pounds proc or the value thereof in lands. I give my son **FRANCIS** 10 pounds to purchase a Geneva Bible and Flavel's Works and Drilling Courts on Death and other good books. I also give to their daughter Sarah 40 shillings to purchase the book entitled Ladies Religion (originally written in French) and other good books and one yearling heifer within 6 months after the date hereof, whether I am dead or alive.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my well beloved friend and cousin **JAMES TATE** and the sum of 10 pounds proc to purchase a Geneva Bible and Burkett on New Testament and Drilling Court on Death.

ITEM I give and bequeath to **JEAN KINSY** the eldest daughter of my cousin **THOMAS HENRY** the sum of 5 pounds proc to buy a Bible and other good books and I order all the Geneva Bibles and other large books above mentioned to be bound and plated with brass. And I declare it to be my will that all my children, grandchildren and others observe and keep up all religious and moral duties and particularly that they daily think and observe that question in the shorter Catechism (vic) how is the word to be read and heard that it may become effectual to salvation.

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And I order my negro wench SILLA to remain one year after my decease with my son **JOHN** for his use and the use of his three youngest brothers and afterwards to be sold at public vendue. I order my boy TONY and all my other lands and effects not disposed of before nor included in this will to be sold. And it is my will that the remainder of my estate (if any there be) be so divided as my sons **FRANCIS [BEATEY]**, **ROBERT [BEATEY]** and **WALLACE [BEATEY]** money or half part thereof, and that the remaining 11/2 thereof shall be equally divided among my other sons and daughters. And whereas a great part of my household furniture, horses, cows and 2 sheep and books purchased before the date hereof is not bequeathed or given away by this my last will and Testament my executors shall have no authority to call any person or persons to account nor charge them for any such things as I shall dispose of or give away in my life time except where I take a note or writing obligatory from them for the same so that what I give away from the date hereof till the day of my decease shall be looked upon and considered as my free gift to the receiver there of (except as before excepted).

And I do authorize and appoint my dearly beloved sons **JAMES BEATEY** and **HUGH BEATEY** and my beloved sons-in-law **ROBERT GREY** and **ROBERT ARMSTRONG** of any two or three of them executors of this my Last Will and Testament, giving unto them full powers and absolute authority to bargain or sell and dispose of and convey the fee simple estate of all lands I have sold in my life time that the purchaser or purchasers have not received a sufficient conveyance from me and to sell and dispose of all my other lands and effects and to sign seal and execute lawful and sufficient deeds or deeds to the purchaser or purchasers utterly revoking disannulling and declaring this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament.

I have waited for thy salvation O Lord I know in whom I have believed and he who is able to keep that which I have committed to him. It is good for me that I have been afflicted and all the days of my appointed time will wait till my change comes, nor I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor height, nor depth and or any other creature shall be able to separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord unto whose hands O Lord I commend my spirit to be washed, purified and sanctified and fitted for an all glorious profession ransomed and purchased by the blood of Christ. Come quickly and receive me O Lord, even so come quickly Amen.

In witness whereof in have herewith set my hand and affixed my seal this day and year herein first above written.

**FRANCIS BEATEY** {seal}

Signed, sealed, pronounced, published and declared by said **FRANCIS BEATEY** his Last Will and Testament in the presence of.

**WILLIAM WADDELL**  
**JOHN SLOAN**  
**LEONARD ANTHONY**  
**JAMES CUNNINGHAM**  
**JAMES TATE**

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Before signing I **JAMES BEATEY** by agreement with my father am bound obliged to pay sd. **ROBERT BEATEY** 20 pounds proc money five years after sd. father's decease or in any case, and I **JOHN BEATEY** by agreement with my father am bound and obliged to pay to my brother **ROBERT** 25 pounds proc. money five years after said father's decease in any case.

**JAMES BEATEY**  
**JOHN BEATEY**

Codicil of the Last Will and Testament of **FRANCIS BEATEY** to original Will made on 23 June 1773:

Be it known to all men by these presents that I **FRANCIS BEATEY** of the County Of Mecklenburg and province of North Carolina have made and declared my last Will and Testament in writing.

I the said **FRANCIS BEATEY**, by this present Codicil do ratify and confirm my said Last Will and Testament.

I do give and bequeath to my beloved son **JOHN BEATEY** my press with its utensils. I likewise give and bequeath to my four youngest sons, **JOHN, FRANCIS, ROBERT** and **WALLACE** to each of them a good bedding of clothes with Bedsteads to be equally divided amongst them without favor or partiality to any of them. I do give and bequeath my silver faced watch to my son **FRANCIS** and my clock to my son **ROBERT** and my China faced watch to my son **WALLACE**. I give and bequeath my (words missing) with its drawing utensils to (several lines of the Codicil cannot be read) he or they has free liberty to dispose of his or her shares to yea best advantage. I order my cows and sheep to remain on yea plantation for yea use of the family and when they separate what of yea aforesaid stock remains to be equally divided amongst my three youngest to wit. **FRANCIS, ROBERT** and **WALLACE** any horse, mare or colt not mentioned or disposed of heretofore or any other thing or article I order the same to be sold and all the money arising from such sales to be appropriated to yea proper uses of yea estate.

And my will and meaning is that this Codicil or schedule be adjudged to be part and para. of my said Last Will and Testament and that all things therein mentioned and contained be faithfully and truly performed and as fully and amply in every respect as if the same were so declared and set down in my said Last Will and Testament.

Witness my hand this ninth of September 1773.

Signed and declared by ye said **FRANCIS BEATEY** to be a part and parcel of his said last Will and Testament

**FRANCIS BEATEY**

In the presence of

**JAMES TATE**  
**JAMES BEATEY**  
**JAMES MCKEE**

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