

Will, NC, Bertie, William Turner 1770

North Carolina

In the name of God, Amen.

I **WILLIAM TURNER SR.** of the county of Bertie in the Province aforesaid being sick of body but of sound & perfect mind & memory, thanks be to God & calling to mind the mortality of mankind & knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make, ordain constitute & appoint this my last will & testament in manner & form following (to wit).

FIRST I give and bequeath to my son **SIMON TURNER** his heirs or assigns the plantation whereon I now live with all the land thereunto belonging.

I also give my said son **WILLIAM TURNER** his heirs or assigns my pasture on Rogins & all the land thereunto belonging which I bought of **WILLIAM WILLIAMS**. I also give my son **WILLIAM TURNER**, his heirs or assigns, a parcel of land joining the said pasture which I bought of **JONES, WILLIAMS & PUGH**. I also give to my son **WILLIAM TURNER**, his heirs or assigns, the following Negroes (to wit): one woman name CATE, one man named LUKE and one boy named DICK. I also give my said son **WILLIAM TURNER** two feather beds & furniture, one walnut desk & one walnut table.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my grand daughter **ELIZABETH B. TURNER** of my son **ETHRELDRED [ETHELDRED] TURNER** one negro boy name JACOB to her and her heirs or assigns.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **JAMES TURNER**, his heirs or assigns, three Negroes (to wit): ISAAC & SILVIA and ARTHUR. I also give my said son **JAMES TURNER** two feather beds & furniture, one walnut desk & one walnut table.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **JENNET [TURNER] HOUSE**, her heirs or assigns, two Negroes (to wit): SHARPER & PEGG & her future increase. I also give my said daughter **JENNET HOUSE** one feather bed & furniture & one walnut chest.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **ELIZABETH [TURNER] BROWN** one, her heirs or assigns, three Negroes (to wit): ABRAHAM, JACK & BESS. I also give my said daughter **ELIZABETH BROWN** one feather bed & furniture, and four cows & calves.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **SARAH [TURNER] SMITH**, her heirs or assigns, twenty shillings sterling.

ITEM I lend unto my daughter **SARAH SMITH** during her natural life two Negroes (to wit): HANAH & PIBLO, and after the decease of my said daughter **SARAH SMITH** I give and bequeath the said two Negroes & their future increase to be equally divided between the children of my said daughter **SARAH SMITH**.

ITEM I give to my son **WILLIAM TURNER** aforesaid one negro girl named HANNAH, him, his heirs or assigns.

ITEM I give and bequeath the remainder of all my whole estate, consisting of every kind whatsoever that is not herein before mentioned or given in legacies to be equally divided between my two sons **WILLIAM TURNER & JAMES TURNER** & my two daughters **JENNET HOUSE** and **ELIZABETH BROWN** & their heirs or assigns, share & share alike.

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ITEM Lastly I nominate, constitute and appoint **THOMAS HOUSE**, and my two sons **WILLIAM TURNER** and **JAMES TURNER** executors to this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and disannulling all others heretofore by me made.

In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1770.

**WILLIAM TURNER** {seal, his W mark}

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said **WILLIAM TURNER** to be his last will & testament in presence of us:

**ROBERT CAKE**  
**WILLIAM HARREL**  
**WILLIAM BRYAN**

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