

State of North Carolina Currituck County

In the name of God Amen

Samuel Gray being weak of body but of sound disposing memory & calling to mind the uncertainty of human life & that it is appointed one do man to die to make & ordain this my last will & Testament in manner and form following VIZ

Imprimis I give & bequeath to my son Stephen Gray one tract of land containing one hundred acres known by the name of Lincey joining on y^e Lands of Willis Upton James White to him my said son & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever also one negro child named Sucky & one negro fellow named Adam to my said son Stephen Gray this heirs as aforesaid forever

I give & bequeath to my Daughter Nancy Gray one Negro wench named Sarah to her & her heirs lawfully begotten of her body forever also one Negro wench named Degg to her & her heirs as aforesaid forever Reserving the use of the said wench Sarah to my dearly beloved wife Bridget Gray during her natural life as also I do hereby reserve the use of all the other negroes to my wife aforesaid until my children Stephen & Nancy Gray come to age, and if the the wench Sucky & Degg have offspring when my children come to age to be equally divided between them & to be continued so divided to them & their heirs as aforesaid forever

Item I give & bequeath to my wife as aforesaid one mare named Lightfoot & one horse named Jacob forever And respecting my worldly possessions wherein with it hath pleased God to bless me both within doors & without as lands & stock as cattle, Horses, Hogs, Swine &c &c after my just debts is paid, I will & bequeath the use of them to my wife Bridget Gray during her natural lifetime and then to be Equally divided between my two children as aforesaid Stephen & Nancy Gray & their heirs lawfully begotten forever - Lastly I will desire that my wife Bridget Gray & Thomas Taylor the uncle be and are hereby appointed the sole Executors to this my last will & Testament Given under my hand & seal this 6th day of July 1783.

Thomas Jarves
Custace Orrison Jurat

Sam Gray Seal

Recorded & Examined the 10th day of Aug
1784