

of the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by  
the Mighty Power of God and as touching such Worldly Estate  
with which both pleased God to bless me in this life I dispose of  
the same as follows that is to say  
My Will & devise is that all my Just Debts should be paid  
And I lend unto Sarah my beloved Wife all my personal Estate  
as long as she shall continue or remain A widow and in case she  
should marry again my will & devise that she shall have an Equal

Part with her Children  
Item I give & bequeath unto my son John Bland five shillings to be paid  
Out of my Estate  
Item I give & bequeath unto Mary my Daughter five shillings to be paid out  
of my Estate  
Item I give & bequeath unto Fanny my Daughter five shillings to be paid out of  
my Estate

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Bland the plantation whereon  
I now live & the Land thereunto belonging to him & his heirs forever  
As to the Rest of My Estate my Will & devise is that it should be Equal  
ly divided betwixt my five last Children whose Names are as follows Anne  
Elizabeth Catey Cheatey Thomas after the Marriage or death of my  
my Wife I do Appoint and ordain James Birnsett and Jonathan Hooy  
Executors to this my last Will & Testament, and I do hereby disannul  
Revoke disown all Other Wills by me made before this time Ratifying  
& confirming this & No other to be my last Will & Testament, in Witness  
whereof I have hereunto subscribed my hand & seal this 17th day of  
February 1708 & declared by me as my last Will & Testament in the presence  
of Mr. William Watson Jurat

Thomas Bland  
mark

Wm. Bland  
mark

Waxton County March Court 1708

Then the Aforesaid Instrument of writing was proved in Open Court  
to be the last Will & Testament of Thomas Bland de<sup>ce</sup> by William Watson  
on Mr. Order's Record

The Sherriff  
The Sherriff's Clerk

In the name of God Amen Thomas Bland of the State of Carolina  
give & dispose of my goods & Chattels Land & Tenements &c  
Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Bland my Son the Land & Plantation  
whereon I now live beginning at the Run of the swamp Swillinge line  
thence along his line to Taylors line thence his line to the head of the Mill  
branch thence down S. Branch to the Run of the swamp thence up the  
same to the first Station one feather bed bedstead & Furniture one Iron Pot  
& his further plates to him & his heirs forever  
Item I give and bequeath unto Henry Bland my son one other tract  
of Land beginning at the Mouth of the Mill Branch thence up into

Branch to Taylor line a gum thence by line to a gum standing in the  
first branch below my Road plantation thence down said branch to  
the top of the swamp thence up the same to the beginning one feather  
Bedstead & Furniture one Iron pot & Six pewter plates to him &  
to his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto William Best my son one Other tract or  
Parcel of Land including the Harris Plantation beginning at Harris's  
line in the first branch below the Road plantation thence up said  
branch to Taylor's line a gum thence by different lines of marked trees  
joining the Land of Taylor Straw bridge Cherry Harris &c. to the begin-  
ning one feather Bedstead & Furniture one  
Iron Pot & Six pewter plates to him & to his heirs forever

Further my desire is he be bound to the trade of a Taylor until he arriv-  
eth unto the Age of Twenty One years

Item I give & bequeath unto Mary Ann Best my Well beloved wife one Negro  
Girl Named Silty one Chest one large Trunk two feather beds bedsteads &  
Furniture one Iron pot & pot Hooks one Tea Kettle six Chairs one Linen  
Wheal one Wooden Wheel one Cotton Cards one Case knives & forks one Brass  
Saddle & Bridle one Choice four Cows & Calves four Sows & piggs four Cows  
& Lambs all the game & dunghill fowls two pewter Dishes two pewter ba-  
sons six pewter plates & six Spoons six Hundred weight of Meat one  
Bosch and all the furniture belonging to it, one Table one frying Pan  
two Stocks of bees besides an Equal Part with all my Children in  
my Negroes Corn Mill peas potatoes Wheat Cotton & flax to her & to her  
heirs forever

Item I give & bequeath unto Amy Best my Daughter one feather Bed-  
stead & Furniture one Iron pot & Six plates to her & to her heirs forever

Item I give & bequeath unto Mary Best my Daughter one feather Bedstead  
& Furniture one Iron pot & Six pewter plates to her & to her heirs forever

Item I give unto my Daughter Nancy Best one feather Bedstead & Furni-  
ture one Iron pot & Six pewter plates to her & to her heirs forever

Item my Will & devise is that all my Negroes be brought together with  
Other Article and thing belonging to my Estate & Not otherwise disposed  
of after Selling as Much of my Personal Property as will pay my Debts  
and Raise the Seven by Sea Dollars for William my son & other the same  
Expenses & that the same be sold to the Highest Bidder among my wife &  
all my Children only to the Intent they may Not be sold Out of the  
Family & that my Executors Act for such of my Children as are under  
Age & Not Capable of Acting for them selves and that my wife have an  
Equal Part with all my Children in the Negroes Corn Mill Peas  
Potatoes Wheat Cotton & flax only & that this be all my wife have

and that this be all my wife have any part of besides what I  
have already given her & such Dower as she is Entitled to by Law  
It is further my Will & desire that, if either of my Children die without  
Issue the portion belonging to such <sup>of</sup> should be Equally divided  
among all the Rest of my Children and my wife  
And I do further Constitute & Appoint, Mayor My well beloved Wife & James  
Cocutt & Nathan Mayo Executors to this my Last Will & Testaments  
Witness whereof I have hereunto seth my hand and Seal this 10<sup>th</sup>  
Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hun-  
dred & Ninety One, Signed Sealed Published & declared by  
in presence of

Solomon Cherry Justice  
Arthur X Staton Thos Bush & Seal  
mark

Martin County March Court 1798 The foregoing Instruments  
of writing was proved in Open Court to be the Last Will  
& Testament of Thos Bush by the Oath of Solomon Cherry  
A Subscribing Witness thereto On Wt. Ordered Recorded  
atch. Thomas Hunter & Co

Thomas Hunter & Co