

In the name of God amen. I, ^{James B.} Laughlin of the County of Orange in the Province of North Carolina, being weak of Body but of Sound & perfect memory thanks be given to God, & calling to mind the mortality of my Body, & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I therefore do make my last will & Testament in manner & form following, that is to say, first of all I commit my Soul into the hands of God that gave it & my Body to the earth from whence it came, to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the discretion of my Executors in hopes of a glorious Resurrection, at the last Day, & as to what Estate I shall please God to Bless me with in this world, I give Dispose & Bequeath of the same in Manner & form following that is to say, principally & first of all, that all my just Ditties & financial charges to be paid ^{Imprimis} I give & Bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Laughlin all my Real Estate that is to say, my Plantations, and all the same with the profits arising therefrom, during her life and after her Decease, to be sold & Equally Divided amongst my Children I likewise give & Bequeath unto my beloved wife all my personal Estate, that is to say all my Goods & Chattels of every sort whatsoever with all Ditties due & owing & Demands to her for and ^{2^{dly}} I give & Bequeath unto my beloved Children Elizabeth, Mary, Rebecca, Charity, Joannah & Susanna each ten pounds per Annum money, which said Money is to arise from the Rent of the Mill, to be Deposited into the hands of my wife & to be paid to them as they marry or when they arrive to the age of Eighteen & ^{3^{dly}} I give & Bequeath unto my son William Laughlin my best Suit of Cloaths & lastly I constitute & Appoint my well beloved Wife, Mary Laughlin my whole Executor of this my last will & Testament. & I do hereby Revoked & annul, & make void all Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made & known

I showed all Gifts & Dowers & Requestments, which heretofore
might be made, or would & I do, hereby Ratify this &
No other to be my last Will & Testament In Witness
Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 24th
Day of February Anno Dom 1765

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in the presence of us

Orange for

William Payson came this Day before me.
One of his Majesties Justices of the Peace for the aforesaid
County, & made Oath, that what is herein contained be
Wrote, by the direction of the within mentioned Hugh
Laughlin as his last will & Testament. Given under
my hand at Chelmsburgh the 26th Day of Feb^r 1765

Francis Nash

William Laughlin makes Oath to the same Effect
F. Nash.

John Laughlin makes Oath that he heard the
within Will Read, to the within named Hugh
Laughlin & that he affirmed the same
Sworn before me
F. Nash

The aforesaid Certificate, being sworn to & produced.
in Court it was Ordered to be Recorded

Test
Francis Nash. J. C.