In the name of God Amen I John Cotton of Bartie Precinct in North Carolina
Gent being Sick in body but of perfect Sence & Sound memory blessed be
God doe make and ordaine this to be my Last will and Testement in manner
and forme folowing viz first Item I Give to my Son John Cotton three
Hundered and twenty acres of Land be it more or Less whare he now Lives on
the west side of Ahorskey Marsh to him and his heairs for Ever
Item I Give to my Son william Cotton six hundered and fifty acres be
it mor or Less lying in the Brow Meadow whare he now Lives begining
at a marked hickery at my uppermost Line so running down a line of marked
Trees to the Lower most line to him and his heairs for Ever
Item I Give to my Son Samll Cotton a Neck of Land whare he now
Lives be the same mor or Less and parte of a survay that I bought of
Charles Stevenson being a hund acres mor or Less to him and his heairs
for Ever Item I Give to my Son Thos Cotton all the Remainder of my
Land bought of Charles Stevenson lying northerdly of william Cotton
and Containe Three hund and forty acres being a neck called the
pond neck to him and his heairs for Ever Item I Give to my Sons arthur
Cotton and James Cotton my Lowermost survay Land on fishing Creek to
be Equaley devided betwixt em to them and their heairs for Ever
Item I Give to my Son Joseph Cotton two hundred acres Land and to
be taken oute of my upper survay on fishing Creek to him and his
heairs for Ever Item I Give to my Son Alexand Cotton one hundered
acres Land out of my upper survay on fishing Creek to him and
his heairs for Ever and the other three hundered acres to be Equaley
devided between my my sons John Cotten william Cotton and
Saml Cotton to them and their heairs for Ever
Item I Give to my Son arthur Cotton one Neagrow Man Named
Meingo but Exept the Labour and Sarvice of the sd Neagrow
to be preformed and don for my Loveing wife during her widowhood Martha Cotton
and my sd Son arthur Cotton to be and Goe for him Self when
he shall arrive att the age of [illegible]

Itom I Give to my Son James Cotton one Neagerow boye Naimed peter
to him and his hearrs for Euers and that mye Son James Cotton may Goo
and for him Selff when he Shall arrive att the age of Eighteen years
Itom I Give to mye Son Thos Cotton one Neagerow Gerlle Naimed Rose
To him and his heers for Euer but Exept the Labour and Sarueice
of the sd Neagrow Goirll to be for and with my Loveing wife Marthar
Cotton dewring har widowhood and that my Son Thos Cotton be free and Goo for him Self
when the sd Thos arrive at the age of Eighteen Years
Itom I Give to my Son Joseph Cotton one Neagerow boy Naimed
Toney to him and his heirrs for Euer Itom I Give unto my daughter
Presiler Cotton one Neagerow woman Naimed Moll to har and
har heirrs for Euers but Exept the youse and Labour of the sd
Neagerow to be for my Loveing wife Martha Cotton Dewring
har weidow hood Itom I Give to my Son alexander Cotton one
Neagerow man Naimed Guye but Exept the sd Neagerow Labour
and Sarvice to be for my Loveing wife Martha Cotton During
har widow hood Itom I Give to my Son william Cotton one New feather
bead and a woosted sett Ruge and one Large fine blanket and a
Sheate to pewter bassons and to pewter dishes three cowes and Calves
to yearlings and one three year ould heifer and Eight Sowes with their
In breese and one baye Rideing horse and one Large barone inSpayed
Sone and a paterne of fine druged for a Sute of Close Coate breches
and Jaucket and Triming answerable

and fifty bushalls of oyster shells and all that parsell of plank that
was sawed for the mill work to equalie devided betwene my sd son
william Cotten and my son Saml Cotten Item I give to my son Saml
Cotten a peece of fine druged to make him a sute of Close and triming
answrable which cloth and triming is to be answere and equally devided
betwixt my sonon william and Saml Cotten Item to my son Saml
Cotten I give one fether bed known by the naime of the trundle bead
and a blew worsted sett Rugg and one ~~Large fine~~ blanket and sheate
and one square framed warnut table and three cowes and caules and an
an broke hors of 6 years ould 6 puter basons and 6 puter dishes and fifty
bushells of oyster shells and to each of my sons Saml and wm Cotten
a large sware to purches yrn nailes to buld them a house each ~~&~~
Item I give to my my son Alexander Eight sowes with their increse and
three cows one haifer yearling and one 6 year ould mare and one three
year ould mare Item I give to my son John Cotten all the stock of both
hoggs and cattle that is now in his persesion of my marke and fifty bushells
of oyster shells Item I give to my daughter Susanah Cotten the feather
bead whear on she lyes with all its furneture Item I give to my son
Thos Cotten one sute of new courtains of a blew coullers one large fine
bead tick one worsted sett rugg and one large fine blankett I give and
bequeath to my loveing wife Martha Cotten my bead whear on I lye
with all its furneture courtins rugg blankets sheates pelowes and one
large new fine blanket and quilt bolsters and bead stead corde and matt
and Item ~~to my~~ I give to my son alexander Cotten as much dowroyes which
is now by me as will make him a sute of clothes ~~and~~
Item I give to my sons alexander and Samell Cotten as much
striped holan as will make each of you a jacket and britches and
triming to it and I ~~[illegible]~~ give bequeath to my loveing wife my rideing
horse colling by name Cate and a sid sadle Item I give to my son
in Law John Tomas one puter dish Item I give to my son in Law Capt
John Spears one puter dish Item I give to my daughter Mary
holand one puter dish and the ~~use of the one negroe woman is left to~~ [illegible]
wife for her own and my sd four youngest children maintainance during her
Item I give to my son Joseph Cotten three wethers and a Ramm to yowes and
a Lam Item I give to my Daughter Martha Benton late widow of frans

Benton deceased Three Ewes with — thein in Encrease Item I Give to my Sons wm
and Saml Cotten 20 pound of feathers to be equally devided to fularge their beads
my will is furder that my mill Stones Spindels Irks and pecks to be
sould for silver money and that to be Equaly devided betwext my fower
small Childeren arthur peter James and Thos Cotten and all the Rem
of my Estate both ~~with~~ with in and with oute dores I Leave to my wife
and fower small Childern above named to be Equaley devided ~~[illegible]~~
Item I Give to my daughter Susanah as much fine silk stufe as
will make har a sute of Clothes and my will is that my mair that
Runes in Tormontoung Neck the first Coult She Bringes may be for my
Son arthur Cotten and if the sd mair lives to bring Aney more Coults
may be for my Son James and Thos Cotten and Lastly I doe apoint
my Loveing wife to be Exetr of ~~my will~~ this my Last will and testament
butt nomonate and apoint my Loveing frind Thos Bryant and wm
Benet to be overseers and have power Incase my wife should againe
marey and her husband prove unhapey to har and my fower small
Childeren to Remove and secure them and their Estates att their dis
in witness war of I signe this to be my Last will and testement

Test
Thos Bryant Jurat
Thomas Strange

John Cotten

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Marey M parkers Jurat
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Bertie ss. May Court 1728.
The above Will was Exhibited by Martha Cotton Widow and Sole Executrix of John Cotton Deced and was proved by the Oaths of Capt. Thomas Bryant and Mary Parker in Open Court in due form of Law who were Evidences thereto. and then the sd Martha took the Exx.s oath in Open Court. Test.