

Samuel Gainer's Will

In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Gainer  
 of the County of Halifax in the province of North  
 Carolina being sick & weak of body but of Perfect  
 Mind & Memory & Calling to mind the Mortality of men  
 body & knowing that all flesh must yeeld to Death  
 when God is pleased to Call, I do by these Make & Ordain  
 this to be my Last Will & Testament, first I Give my  
 Soul to God that gave it, & my body to the Earth to be  
 Buried in a Christian form, and as Touching my worldly  
 goods I shall Dispose of in Manner and form following  
 I Give & Bequeath to my son William Gainer  
 my plantation in Scotland Neck to him & his heirs for  
 ever & four Young Cows on this<sup>d</sup> plantation - -  
 I Give & Bequeath to my son Samuel Gainer  
 the plantation where on I now live, and four hundred  
 acres of Land adjoining this<sup>d</sup> plantation to him & his  
 heirs for ever which I bought of William Whittaker  
 and four young Cows on this<sup>d</sup> plantation - -  
 I Give & Bequeath to my son William Gainer  
 my plantation & track of Land which formerly  
 belong to John Stogrod on Lariver Road adjoining  
 Thomas Sherr's line & my Gum & one young Mare  
 to him & his heirs for ever - -  
 I Give & Bequeath to my daughter Merion  
 Gainer my plantation on Calnester containing  
 two hundred acres of Land & four young Cows  
 on this<sup>d</sup> plantation to her and her heirs for ever -  
 I Give & Bequeath three hundred acres of Land adjoining  
 James Cairns line & between the plantation that I gave  
 to my son William Gainer & the plantation that I gave  
 to my son Samuel Gainer to be sold at publick sale I  
 Leave my Negro Woman sue to Satour for my three  
 Children William Merion & Samuel until my son Samuel  
 Gainer of age then this<sup>d</sup> Negro and her increase to be  
 Equally Divided Between my three Child then before  
 mentioned and I Leave the rest of my Estate to be sold &  
 the money to be Equally Divided Between my three Children  
 first paying all my debts dues & demands I do by these  
 presents appoint my Brother William Gainer and  
 Arthur Bell to be full & sole Executors of this my last  
 Will & Testament and do hereby make Will & Give all  
 & every Will or Wills heretofore by me made Ratifying