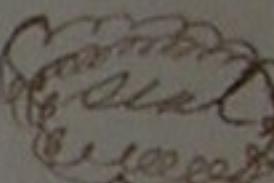


In the Name of God Amen I William Gower of North Carolina  
 & County of Halifax being sick & weak bed in perfect mind & memory thank  
 to God for it Calling to mind the Mortality of Mankind I do make this  
 my last will & Testament. Item I give & Bequeath to my well beloved  
 Wife Ann Gower all my whole Estate both Real & Personal after paying  
 my just debts to her & her heirs friends & I do Appoint my wife  
 Ann Gower & John Young Executors of this my last will & Testament  
 In Witness whereof I have set my hand & Seal this Twenty eighth  
 of November in one thousand seven hundred & seventy  
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William Thomas  
 Owen <sup>in</sup> Slatter  
 John Young

William Gower 

Halifax County 1<sup>st</sup> February Court 1771  
 When this will was exhibited in open Court by the party herein  
 & duly proved by the Oath of Owen Slatter one of the Subscribing Witnesses  
 thereto who on his Oath did say that he saw the Testator William Gower  
 sign seal publish & declare the same to be his last will & Testament &  
 he together with William Thomas & John Young the other said Witnesses  
 Subscribed severally their respective Names as witnesses thereto in  
 the presence of the Testator & at his Request where upon the Esquerry  
~~Esquerry~~ aforesaid duly qualified according to law  
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