

RECORD OF WILLS.

last address of as is herein directed and at the same time caused in view the said John Thomas to bear testimony of the same
 Given in before me the 25th day of March 1797
 J. Lewis Jr.

John Thomas,
 Margaret Thomas,

In the Name of God "Amen"

I Edward Holmes of the County of Haden and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory Blessyd be to god, doth make or draw Constitute and appoint this and no other to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz
 First of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body to be decently buried at the direction of my Executor, and as touching such worldly estate as it has pleased god to bless me with I give in manner and form following.

I give to my beloved Wife Ann, two negro men named Joe and Doaxed, and a Negro woman named Liddy with all her increase many say excepted three head of Horses and four head of Cattle, and two feather beds and furniture to be remain her own right and property forever, to give bequest or dispose of in any manner that she may think proper and also one set of Block print tools, in manner and form aforesaid to have and to hold to her and her heirs, and assigns forever.

I also give and bequest unto my wife beloved during her Natural life or widowhood an equal share of all and my son Richard Holmes, in the

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plantation wherein I now live which I purchase my wife is to enjoy without any manner of disturbance or denial of the said Richard Holmes during her life or widowhood and no longer. And I give to my beloved wife one negro man named John, during her continuance in the plantation wherein I now live, and at her marriage dead or removal off the plantation the said negro man named John to be delivered to my son Richard Holmes, to be and remain his own right and property.

I give and bequest to my son Richard Holmes three negroes named, offay, Isiah and Billy, with all my lands held by my own right estate, whatsover and one negro woman named Isiah mother of the aforesaid three negroes which lands and negroes I give to him the said Richard Holmes his heirs and assigns forever, and all my stocks and household furniture not otherwise disposed of by this present, and also the aforesaid negro man named John at the marriage dead or removal of my wife off the plantation, wherein I now live.

I also give and bequest unto Charity Beem now a minor, under the tutelage of Richard Holmes, three cows and calves and one negro boy named Larry, to be delivered when she arrives at twenty one years, of age but in case she should die before she arrives at the age of twenty one years, the property intended to be given I give and bequest to my son Richard Holmes.

I give and bequest unto John Chickens son of Rebecca Chickens deceased a Negro girl named Mary, provided she said John Chickens should arrive to the age of twenty one years then and in that case the Negro girl intended to be given, I give to my wife Ann to her heirs and assigns forever.

And I do by presents ordain constitute and appoint my wife beloved Isiah and my son Richard Holmes William Bryan John Migate and John Clark my Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the 5th day of April 1796. And in 22nd year of American

Independence
 In presence of John Migate Joseph Bellmire
 John Migate Joseph Bellmire
 Edward Holmes
 Smith