

In the name of God, Amen, I Edward Boykin, of Northampton County, North Carolina, being sick and weak in body, but perfect mind and memory, God be praised but calling to mind this mortal state and that it is appointed for all men to die. Do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following: (viz) first and principally I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my Creator, who gave it to me and my body to the ground to be buried decently in Christian burial at the descreation of my Executrix and Executor hereafter named in sure and certain hopes of a joyful resurrection through Jesus Christ my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer and as for what worldly estate it hath kindly to bestow upon me. I give and bequeath as following Imprimis I will that all my lawful debts and funeral charges be paid and discharged.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my loving son Thomas Boykin all my lands lying between Richard Wall's line and the Meadow Branch; also a parcel of my lands over the creek in Brunswick County beginning at the head of the Great Swamp, then turning down the same to my cartpath and then bounded by the said path quite to the river. Also all my lands and Plantation at Potocarie to him and his heirs.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my loving son Solomon Boykin all my lands lying above the Meadow Branch running up the Creek to Thomas Nicholans (Nicholans) line, with all the remaining part of my lands on the creek in Brunswick County not bequeathed already. Also fifty acres of land upon the Creek within old Richard Wall's line to him and his heirs.

Item: I give and bequeath upon my loving son Hardy Boykin all my lands and Plantation lying upon the Cypress Swamp if he thinks proper to live upon it. And if not to let some one of his Brothers have the refusal of it when he is disposed to sell it.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Boykin two Negroes Dill and George after the death of my wife of her widowhood, but if my son Thomas dies without issue lawfully begotten, my will is that the said Negroes shall go to my sons Hardy and Solomon Boykin.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rachel Heron one Negro girl named Lucy.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my loving daughter Martha Boykin one Negro girl name Joan, after the death of her Mother, or widowhood or at the age of twenty-one years, but if my said daughter dieth without lawful issue then the said Negro to be equally divided amongst my three sons (viz) Hardy, Solomon and Thomas Boykin.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Solomon Boykin my Negroe wench Nan, after the expiration of three years completely to be ended.

Item: My Will is that the first child my negroe wench Dinah beareth may be given to my grandson Drury Boykin.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Boykin, my negroe Boy Abraham after the death of his Mother or widowhood.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandson Henry Boykin, one negroe wench named Dinah after the death of my wife or widowhood, and my Will is that my son Edward Boykin, shall have the benefit of the said negroe wench's labour during his natural life.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my to my loving son, Benjamin Boykin all the money he is indebted to me, also one cow and one calf.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rachel Heron one cow and calf.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha one cow and calf.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandson of my first born, Edward Boykin, one cow and calf.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Judith Boykin, all the residue of my estate, whom also I constitute and appoint with my son Solomon Boykin, whole and sole executor and executrix, of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and annulling any other Will by me made, Ratifying this only to be my Last Will and Testament. Witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed my seal, this 8th day of June 1743.

Edward Boykin (Seal)

Witness: Chas. Campbell  
Richard Wall - Jurat called Testis.

Proved in open court by the oath of Richard Wall, one of the subscribing evidences thereto. At the same time Solomon Boykin was qualified executor thereof.  
Test. - J. Edwards, Clerk Court