

Stroud's
Will.

In the Name of God Amen. The
23 day of October 1738 I Thomas Stroud of Brunswick County
in the Colony of Virginia being very sick and weak in body but
of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given unto God
Therefore calling into mind the mortality of my body and
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die when
it shall please God to call. Do make constitute ordain
declare this my last Will and Testament in manner & form
following and this to be my last Will and Testament and
none other And I first being penitent and sorry from the
bottom of my heart for my sins past most humbly desiring
forgiveness for the same I give and commit my soul unto
Almighty God my Saviour and Redeemer in whom and by
the Merits of Jesus Christ I trust and believe assuredly to be
saved and to have full remission and forgiveness of all my
sins and that my soul with my body at the general Day of
Resurrection shall rise again with Joy and thro the merits
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And now for Selling my Temporal Estate, and such Goods &
 Chattels as it hath pleased God for above, my deserts to bestow
upon me, I do order give and dispose in the following manner
and form. I give and bequeath unto my
well beloved Wife Christiana, my whole and sole Estate, Real,
and Personal Goods Chattels and Credits after my Debts are
truly paid. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and Seal the day and Year abovescriben.

Signed Sealed & Pronounced

In the presence of us,

Cornelius Reith.

~~Mary~~ ^{her} ~~King~~

Catherine R. Patterson

his
Thomas Shroud, Tailor
maker

(Warrant held for Brunswick County,
the third day of May Anno Dom 1733.

mark Mrs Will was presented in Court by
Christian Stroud Names with the Will annexed of the estate
of Thomas Stroud deceased who made Oath it is admitted
to Record.

Westbury, N.H. 1892