

In the name of God amen. I Henry Thornton of Depue
Parish in the County of Caroline being sick and weak
but of sound and disposing mind for settling my temporal
affairs, do make and ordain this my last will and testament
thereby revoking all other wills by me before made.

Impressus. I Give to my beloved Wife Elizabeth Thornton
part of the Tract of Land whereon I now live
to be laid off in the following manner, to wit.
To begin at such a place on my line at the Green
Swamp that by running a line parallel to the
back line, will strike the head of my Mill pond
and to continue to the River on the West side the
same, thence with Capt William Buckners line to
a corner in the Swamp just below the Mill thence
down the water courses of the same to the River,
and down the river to Peter Thornton's line, and
with his line to the Beginning. And also, the
Negroes which was appraised as her Dower out of
her former Husband's Estate, and one negro Girl
named Libby, during her natural life, and at her
death to go to, shall hereafter direct.

Item. I give unto my said Wife Elizabeth Thornton,
one negro man named Tom, with his working

tools, one negroe man named Ned, and
woman named Nan, and her three Children
and their Increase, and also one third part of my
Stocks of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep, and all
my household and Kitchen furniture to her and
her heirs forever.

Item. I give to my beloved Brother John Thornton
all that tract of Land, lying in Culpeper County
which he has now in his possession. I have
already received Satisfaction for the same,
and one negroe woman named Venus, and
one negroe man named Ben: to him and
his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my Nephew James Taylor one negroe
man named Titus, one negroe man named
Frank a shoemaker, and one Lad named
Leipio, and fifty pounds Current money,
to him and his heirs for ever.

Item. I give to my Nephew Francis Buckner a
negroe man named Esau, one negroe woman
named Free Love, and one negroe Boy named
Peter, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my niece Mary Woodford, one negro
Boy named Sam, to her and heirs forever.

Item. I give to nephew Thornton Washington one negro
woman called old Libby, one negro Boy named
Dick, one negro Boy named Frank & one negro
Lad named Jack, which said negroes I desire
may remain under the direction of my Brother
John Thornton, till the said Thornton Washington
shall marry or arrive to the age of twenty one year
and then to him and his heirs forever, But if the
said Thornton Washington shall die before he marries
or comes of age www.virginiafreedmen.net the said Libby, Dick
Frank and Jack to be equally divided between my
two nieces Betty Thornton and Lucy Thornton, to
them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give to my beloved Sister Sarah Ploughton one
negro man named Sam to her and her heirs
forever.

Item. I give unto Reuben Thornton son of Anthony Thorne
one a negro Girl named Libby at the death
of my Wife, if he be alive at that time, with her
Increase to him and his heirs forever but if
the said Reuben shall die before my said Wife
the said Libby with her

then my Will is that the said Libby with her
Sons are to be equally divided between my three
Nephews, George, William, and John Thornton
to them and their heirs forever.

I give to my Nephew Richard Buckner one
negro man named Mungie to him and his
heirs forever.

I give to my Nephew Francis Thornton, after the
Death of my Wife, all that Tract of Land
sent to my said Wife to him and his heirs forever.

I give to my Nephew Thomas Laughter fifty
Pounds current money, provided he brings no
Accounts against my Estate, that is now substra-
ding between us.

I give to my Niece Lucy Gilmore fifty Pounds
current money, but do not intend this Legacy to be
any bar against Doctor George Gilmore in his
charge for attending me as a Physician.

I give to my Niece Mildred Washington fifty
Pounds current money.

I give to my Niece Frances, fifty pounds current
money.

Item. I give to Doctor Hugh Mercer Twenty pounds
current Money. I do hereby empower my Executors
hereafter named to buy of any Lots and sell all
the remaining part of my Land, and give such
Credit as they shall think necessary. I also
leave all the rest of my Estate of what nature
or kind soever, to be sold by my Executors, and
the money arising from such Sales together with
all my Credits to be applied, first, to the payment
of all my just Debts, and next to the payment ^{the} of my
Cash Legacies before mentioned, and the Residue
to be equally divided between my three Nephews
George Thornton, William Thornton, and John
Thornton. My Will and desire is that my
Executors may not be compelled to pay off the
Cash Legacies, at such time, as they can sell such
part of my Estate directed to be sold, and
collect a sufficient sum to pay off the same.
Lastly I constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Eliza-
beth Thornton, my beloved Brother John Thornton
my two Nephews James Taylor and George Thomas
and friend William Wood for Executors and
Administrators of this my last Will and Testament.

I, Beth Thornton, my beloved & former wife
my two nephews James Taylor and George Thomas
and friend William Wood for Executors and
Executors of this my last Will and Testament
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this twenty third day
of March 1708

Signed, Sealed and
Published in presence
of us, who subscribed the
same in his presence
William Buckner, Matthew Gale Jr.
Anthony Thornton, George [unclear]

Beth Thornton

At a Court held for Caroline County the 12th day of May 1708
This Will was proved by two of the witnesses, and ordered
to be recorded. On the Motion of the Executors therein
named who were first sworn, a Certificate for obtaining
a Probate thereof is granted them, Bond taken and
according to Law. Teste William Nelson, Clerk

Copy Teste
John Rudolph