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In the Name of God Amen. I John Mitchell of the County of
Will { Charlotte being sick weak and low in body but of perfect mind sound
Judgment and memory, do make and ordain this as my Last Will and Testament
first I recommend my soul to God who gave it in hopes of a happy resurrection,
and my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned,
Item I give and bequeath to my son William Mitchell a Negro boy Named Roger
and a bay Colt to him his heirs and assigns forever, Item I give to my daughter
Sarah Mitchell a Negro girl Named Anne a bay mare and her Colt and bridle
and Saddle to her and her heirs forever, Item I give to Robert Jackson, Abell
Jackson and Martha Jackson the children of my wife my three Negroes Bred
Paphney and Sukey, to be equally divided between them at the discretion of my
wife when ever she shall find it necessary and convenient for her to be done, and
Should any of the three Children Robert, Abell and Martha die before such
division or distribution is so made, then in that case my said wife shall allot that
part to such of the survivors as she in her discretion may Judge proper,

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Liberty to my wife to make use of the same during her Natural life) To him
and his heirs and Assigns forever. The remainder of my estate of what kind
and Value soever after my Just debts are paid, I ~~bequeath~~ bequeath unto my Loving wife
during her Natural life for the support of her and my infant children Thomas
Betsey and Lucy and their Schooling, and at her my said wifes death, then
I order and direct the said estate to be equally divided between my said last
mentioned children or the Survivors of them at the discretion of my executors
but should the estate be ~~improved~~ improved and increased that their shares should exceed
those devised to my children William & Sarah on the division to be made that the
same be allotted and made equal, having regard to the Legacies bequeathed -
I give also to my son William a bridle and Saddle - I direct that my tract of
Land Joining Skilton Baysbreach and Handkins be offered to Robert Jackson
on his paying the Consideration money given for the same, should
my executors find it convenient to be parted from and not prejudicial
to my infant family and wife in that case they are hereby empowered
to make Conveyance of the same - And lastly I constitute and appoint
my wife Elizabeth and my son Thomas Executors and Administrators of this my

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my executors find it convenient to be parted from and not prejudicial
to my infant family and wife in that case they are hereby empowered
to make conveyance of the same — And lastly I constitute and appoint
my loving wife Elizabeth and my Trusty friend and neighbour John
Watkins Executors and Executors of this my last Will & Testament hereby
revoking all others by me heretofore made declaring this only to be my

Last Will and Testament, In W. which who of I have hereto set my hand and
affixed my seal this 16th day of July 1783.

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of } John ^{his} Mitchell, J. J.
Thomas Read, Tho^s Morton, Rose Page }
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At a Court held for Charlotte County the 4th day of August 1783.

This Last Will and Testament of John Mitchell dec^d was Exhibited in Court
by John Watkins the Executor therein named, and the same was proved by
the oaths of Thomas Morton and Rose Page, and ordered to be Recorded. On
the Motion of the said Executor who made oath according to Law Certificate
is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form, he
giving security whereupon he with Thomas Read his Security entered into and
acknowledged that bond for that purpose, Reserving Liberty to Elizabeth Mitchell
the Executrix therein named to Join in the probate thereof when she shall think
fit

Truly Recorded

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Thomas Read Clk

Thomas Read