

Charlotte's I wish all of Charlotte County being in my mind and
perfect terms, make this my last Will and Testament. 1791

After paying off my just debts and duties, I give and bequeath to
my son Joseph all that ^{little} tract of land and twenty five Acres of the tract
of land whereon I live, beginning on a Roanoke, and to having the
lands of James Venable, and Spencer, so as to include that quantity
I also give him the following Slaves, Hiram, Harnest, Belleg, Dyer,
Doctus, to have and to hold his forever. I give and bequeath unto my son
William Leggett all the remaining part of my land including the
house on it which I now live to have and to hold his forever.

I give unto my daughter Agnes all that one fourth part of my
Slaves, stock of all kinds and household furniture to her and to her heirs
forever. I also give unto Rachel Moore's Children, that is to say by
my daughter Martha Moore, one fourth part of my Slaves, including
the Slaves that I have lent to Rachel Moore, except one of those
Children should come of age or Mary, viz. Sam, Manney, Tom

William Lewis. I have the one fourth part of my land including the
house & where I now live to him and to his heirs forever.

I give unto my daughter Agnes Morton, one fourth part of my
land, stock of all kinds and household furniture to her and to her heirs
forever. I also give unto Rachel Moore Children, that be had by

my daughter Martha Moore, one fourth part of my land, including
the slaves that I have lent to Rachel Moore, & also one of those
Children should come of age or Mary, viz. Sam, Mary, Tom
Judy & Robin, which slaves I mean for all my Children to keep, so
as to make them equal to one fourth part of my land and personal
estate, to them and to their heirs forever. I give unto my son

William Lewis Morton, one fourth part of my land and personal estate
to him and to his heirs forever. It is my desire that my son
Joseph Morton shall have with what slaves I have already given
him one fourth part of my land and personal estate, & also make
an equal division, among the whole of my Children. It is further

my desire that my Estate should be kept together while one of my Children should come of age or marry, also if one of my Children should die before one of them married, that my estate be equally divided among those that survive. I also give unto my daughter Agnes Mathews, One hundred pounds Costs, to be raised from my son Joseph Williamson Lewis's Estate in the name of lands, given to my said Son. I also give unto Arthur Morris Children, that he had by my daughter Martha Morris, One hundred pounds Costs, to be raised from my son Joseph Williamson Lewis's Estate, in the name of lands. It is my desire that the Executors divide the Estate according to the true intent and meaning of this will, and that if any dispute should arise, that they should settle it as they think fit proper, also to lay out the profits of my estate, as shall seem to them to be most convenient, and that they have my Children, educated, agreeable to their fortunes and Abilities, also that they sell to pay off debts, any thing belonging to my estate as they shall think proper.

I appoint my three brothers William Mathews, Little Joe Mathews, Jacob Mathews, and my son Joseph Mathews, Executors of this my last Will & Testament, revoking all former Wills heretofore made. In Witness

Will & Testament, reading all former wills & testaments
whereof I have been made & my hands & feet, this fourth day of April 1785
Three and Seven hundred and Eighty four & in
Liquid Seals in presence of 3 Joseph Morton L. S.
Charles ^{his} ~~son~~ ^{son}, Esther ^{his} ~~son~~ ^{son}, William Price
~~mark~~

At a Court held for Charlotte County this fifth day of December 1785.
This Last Will & Testament of Joseph Morton, ~~deceased~~ ^{deceased} was exhibited
in Court by William Morton, father for Morton, Jacob Morton and
Joseph Morton the Executors hereon named, and the same was proved by
the oaths of the three Witnesses hereunto Subscribed and Ordered to be Recorded.
On the creation of the said Executors who made oath according to law,
Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of the said Will in due
form, they giving Security, whereupon they Together with said William,
John Spencer and Thomas Read their Secretaries entered into and
Acknowledged their hand, according to law for that purpose & in
Teste

Truly Recorded

Thomas Read, Clerk

Thomas Read Sec