

T. Joyce }
Will } In the Name of God Amen this Third day of
June one Thousand Seven and Eighty. Thomas Joyce of Charlotte County being sick, but
of disposing mind and memory thanks to the Almighty for this Mercy. Do make this my
last will and Testament in manner and form Following. first I recommend my soul to God
my Creator and Redeemer by whose Merits alone I hope to ^{be} saved and have full forgiveness of all
my sins, and as for my Body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in Christian like and
decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as touching such worldly
goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life, I give, Dispose and Bequeath in manner
and form Following. Inprimis. It is my Will that all my Just Debts and Funeral Ex-
pences be paid by my Executors. Item, I lend my son Alexander Joyce half the tract of Land
whereon he now lives in Surry County North Carolina to be divided by a line from East to west
I lend him likewise two Negroes Named Will and Hannah During his Natural life, and at
his Decease, I give and bequeath to his son Thomas Joyce on Condition that he pays his two
Sisters (Viz.) Margaret and Sarah one hundred and fifty pound to each) the Land and Negroes
to him Heirs or Assigns forever. Item, I lend my son Alexander Joyce one Black Walnut desk
and at his decease I give the said desk to my son Andrew Joyce, Item, I give my son John Joyce (on
Condition he divides the Land with his brother George according to my Will two negroes (Viz.)
Peter and Mary. if he Refuses to divide the Land, I give the said two negroes to my son George
in Lieu of the Land. Item, I give and bequeath to my son Isaac Joyce, the other half of the

Peter and Mary, if he Refuses to divide the Land, I give the said two negroes to my son George
in Lieu of the Land. Item, I give and bequeath to my son Isaac Joyce, the other half of the
above mentioned tract of Land to him and likewise two negroes, Phillis and Dick to him his
heirs or Assigns forever, I give him six head cattle, and one sowed bolt that is at the Mayo
Item I give to my Daughter Mary Cardwell one negro named Dinah and one named Ned
to her and her heirs, Item, I give my Daughter Elizabeth Johnston one Negro named John in
lieu of her son to her and her heirs, Item give to my Daughter Sarah Marshal two Negroes Lucy and Lott
to her and her heirs Item, I give to my Daughter Hannah Shipp one Negro named Agg to her
and her heirs Item I give to my Daughter Esther Joyce one Negro named Little Amy to her and her heirs
Item I give and bequeath to my son George Joyce two hundred and forty acres of Land lying on the Mayo
River North Carolina to be laid off by a line North and South a long of the River to him and his
heirs or Assigns forever Item I give him two Negroes (Wif) Jack and Sam to him and his heirs
Item, the above gift to my son George is on this condition that if he Reform from Vicious courses and
takes a prudent care for a living then the above gift to be Valid otherwise after the term of six years
I will that it be sold and Equally divided amongst all my Children then living Item, I give and
bequeath to my son Andrew ^{Joyce} two hundred acres of Land part of the Tract I now have on to be divided
by a line East and west the South part to him his heirs or Assigns forever, Item, I give him likewise
two Negroes (Wif) Lewis and Bet to him and his heirs, I give him likewise one horse and saddle
Item, I give to my son George Joyce one horse and saddle, Item, I give to my Daughter Sarah Mar-
shal one Large Bay mare to her and her heirs, Item I give to my Daughter Hannah Shipp one

to her and her heirs, I then I give my Daughter Elizabeth Johnson one Negro. Named John and
son to her and her heirs, I then give to my Daughter Sarah Marshal two Negroes Lucy and Lottie
to her and her heirs I then I give to my Daughter Hannah Shipp one Negro. Named Aggy to her
and her heirs I then I give to my Daughter Esther Joyce one Negro. Named Little Amy to her and her heirs
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by a line East and west the South part to him his heirs or Assigns forever, I then I give him likewise
two Negroes (Viz.) Lewis and Bell to him and his heirs, I give him likewise one horse and saddle
I then I give to my son George Joyce one horse and saddle, I then I give to my Daughter Sarah Mar-
shal one Large Bay mare to her and her heirs, I then I give to my Daughter Hannah Shipp one
mare called the Bay Philly to her and her heirs, I then I give to my ^{to my Daughter} Esther Joyce one horse and saddle and
Black Walnut Chest one foot wheel and one bottom wheel, I then I give to my Daughter Mary
Bardwell one horse I then I give to my seven Children, Viz. Mary, Elizabeth Sarah, Hannah

George, Ester and Andrew, Six head of cattle and six head of sheep to each. Item I give to my son Isaac six head of sheep. Item I give to my ^{two} sons (Viz.) Alexander and Isaac my mill that is Carolina to them and their heirs. Item I give to my Daughter Sarah Marshall and my son Andrew Joyce my mill in Charlotte to them and their heirs. Item I Will that if any of my children dye without lawful issue, that the portion I have devised to them be Equally divided among the surviving children. Item I will that the other half of this tract of Land I live on be sold by my Executors to the highest Bidder, likewise four hundred acres of Land on Wards fork formerly the property of Alexander Joyce Deceased. Item I give to my five children (Viz.) Sarah, Hannah, George, Ester and Andrew to each one Feather Bed and Furniture. Item I will that the Remainder of my Estate both Real and personal not herein given or bequeathed be sold to the highest Bidder and the money thence arising be Equally divided among all my children. After the Deduction of a sufficient sum to Defray the expence of the Support and Education of my two youngest children (Viz.) Ester and Andrew, which sum I leave to the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named. I do make constitute and ordain my son Alexander Joyce, Samuel Clark, Thomas Leonard all John Marshall Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, In Witnes whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above Written.

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged by the Testator in } Thomas Joyce, L. S.
 presence of us Nadiah Claybrook, Williamas Pres Daniel, Joseph Smiths Senr, Joseph Smith, Samuel Marshall.

Be it known to all men by these presents that I Thomas Joyce of Charlotte County

The said Thomas Joyce do by these presents contained in border do make the following
Alteration (Viz.) I revoke the Gift of half my Still to my Daughter Sarah, and give it
wholly to my son Andrew to him his heirs forever, and my will and meaning that this
border be esteemed and adjudged to be part of my will, and be faithfully performed
in as ample a manner as if inserted in my will, In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal the date above written. Thomas Joyce, L.S.

Obediah Claybrook, Williams Prid Daniel, Joseph Smith Senr., Joseph Smith, Samuel
Marshall.

At a court held for Charlotte County the 7th day of August 1780
The foregoing Last Will and Testament of Thomas Joyce dec^d. was exhibited in court by
Samuel Clark, Alexander Joyce, Thomas Cardwell, and John Marshall the Executors
therein named and the same was proved by the Oaths of Obediah Claybrook, Joseph
Smith Senr., Joseph Smith, and Samuel Marshall Witnesses hereto subscribed
and Ordered to be Recorded, on the motion of the said Executors who made Oath according
to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of the said Will, they
giving security, whereupon they with John Potts and Lewis Jackson their securitys
entered into and Acknowledged their bond for that purpose.

Teste
Thomas Read Clerk

Truly Recorded

Thomas Read