

In the Name of God Amen the twenty third
 Day May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred
 and seventy six I Thomas Skinner of the County of Elizth City
 being very sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind and
 memory Thanks be given unto God for the same I do make and
 Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament I do hereby revoke
 all other Wills, following manner and form. Item I lend my
 Plantation to my beloved Wife that I bought of M^r James Pa-
 ker during her life after her Death my Will is that the said
 Land shall return to my Daughter Franky Skinner. —
 Item my Will is that my beloved Wife shall cut as much
 timber upon the Plantation at Fox Hill as she thinks pro-
 per for the use of that said Land that I lend my be-
 loved Wife Item my Will is, my Daughter Franky
 Skinner shall cut as much timber of the Plantation at
 Fox Hill as she thinks proper for the use of the said
 Land that I give her after her my Wife Death. —
 Item my Will is that my beloved Wife shall have the
 use of my Negro Woman Else till my Daughter Franky Skin-
 ner comes to the age of one and twenty years then I give the said
 Negro Woman Else to my Daughter Franky Skinner, my Will
 is if my Wife thinks proper to sell the said Negro Woman Else and
 my Wife to buy a Negro Girl about fourteen years of age for
 my Daughter Franky Skinner. Item my Will is my Wife shall
 have the use of the said Negro Girl till my Daughter Franky
 Skinner comes to the age of one and twenty years then I give
 the said Negro Girl to my Daughter Franky Skinner. —
 Item I give my beloved Wife too the first choice of my Peds
 but if my Wife should marry then I give too first choice of
 my Peds to be equally divided between my son Th^o Skinner
 and my Daughter Franky Skinner. Item I give to my Wife
 the four of first choice of my cattle but if my Wife should

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Then I give the four head of cattle to be equally divided
between my son Thomas Skinner and my Daughter
Franky Skinner. Item I give to my Wife all my sheep
but if my Wife should marry then I give all my sheep to
equally to be divided between my son Thomas Skinner and
my Daughter Franky Skinner. Item I give my flax ta-
tion as Fox Hill to be equally be divided between my
son ~~John~~ Skinner and my son Thomas Skinner and my
Daughter Mary Skinner. My Will is that two men of lodes
shall equally divide my plantation at Fox Hill
between my son John Skinner, and my son Thomas Skinner
and my Daughter Mary Skinner. My Will is that my son
John Skinner and son Thomas Skinner and Daughter Mary
Skinner shall have lotto for the first Choice of the Land that
I gave them. Then my Will is after Rosewell's Death then
I give my daughter Margee Sander six Acres of Land out of the
Land that I gave to my Daughter Mary Skinner. My Will is
after Margee Sander's Death then I give the six Acres of
Land to my Daughter Mary Skinner. Item I give to my
son Thomas my Negro Man Waxe. But my Will is that
my son John Skinner shall give my Wife Ten Brandy
Gallons as long my Wife does my Will. Item I give all
my ~~things~~ to be equally divided between my Daugh-
ter Margee Sander and my Daughter Mary Skinner and
my Wife and my son John Skinner to be equally be divided
between them. Item I give all my cattle between my
son John Skinner and my Daughter Mary Skinner and
my son Thomas Skinner and my Daughter Franky Skinner
to be equally be divided between my son John Skinner.

72 and my son Thomas Skinner and my daughter Mary
Skinner and my daughter Franky Skinner.
Them I give all my House and Goods to be equally be-
divided between my son John Skinner and my son
Thomas Skinner and my daughter Mary Skinner and
my daughter Franky Skinner. Lastly I appoint my
loving Wife and John Skinner Executors of this my
last Will and Testament hereby I revoke all other
Wills by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my Hand and seal this twenty third Day of May
One Thousand seven hundred and seventy six

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged

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in the presence of

Henry Howard Mergham

Thos Skinner Seal
Mark

John Powell

Fanny X Baines

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At a Court held for Eliz City County October the 26th
1776

This Will was presented in Court and proved by
the Oaths of Henry Howard Mergham and John Powell
two of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded
And at another Court held for the said County the
27th Day of February 1777 On the Motion of John Skinner
the Executor named in the said Will who made Oath
according to Law Certificate is granted him for
obtaining a probat thereof in due form upon his giving
Security Whereupon he together with Thomas Woolten and
Thomas Woolten Jun^r his Securities intercedents and
acknowledged Bound & Liberty receive for the Execu-
rix of this in the probat when she was filed

Robt Cary Selden Clk.

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In the Name of God amen the said Henry
May in year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
seventy six I the said Henry of the County of ~~Wiltshire~~
being very sick and weak in Body Part of Perfect mind
and memory ~~thought~~ be given unto God for the same I
do make and ordain that it be my last will
testament I do hereby ~~make~~ ^{make} all other wills
following manner, and form

Item I bequeath my Plantation to my Beloved wife that I thought
of Mr James Baker During her life after her Death my real
estate the said land shall ~~bequeath~~ ^{bequeath} to my Daughter ~~Frances~~
Then my will is that my Beloved wife shall cut as much
timber of the said plantation at her will and pleasure
for the use of her self and family of the said land that I have bequeathed

Item my will is my Daughter Frances shall cut
as much timber of the Plantation at her will as she thinks proper
for the use of the said land ~~that I have bequeathed~~
after her Death

Then my will is that my Beloved wife shall have the
use of the said land till my Daughter Frances shall be
of the age of one and twenty years then she shall have
the said land to her and her heirs forever
my will is that my wife shall have the use of the said
land for her life and my wife to have by a ~~second~~ ^{second} ~~will~~ ^{will}
fourteen years of age for my Daughter Frances

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Then I give to my son John Skinner my silver man head
But my will is that my son John Skinner shall give my wife
ten Barrels of Corn as long my ~~living~~ wife lives my
widow

~~Then I give all my cattle to my son John Skinner and my daughter Mary~~
~~and my daughter Mary Skinner~~

Then I give all my horses to be equally divided between
my son John Skinner my wife Mary Skinner and my daughter
Mary Skinner to be equally divided between them

Then I give all my cattle between my son John Skinner
and my daughter Mary Skinner to be equally divided between them
my son John Skinner and my daughter Mary Skinner

Then I give to all my house and goods to be equally divided
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