

Ended Chancery File No 43.

Copy of the Will of John Thornton

In the name of God Amen.

I John Thornton of the County of Hancock do make & ordain this as my last Will and Testament, revoking all other Wills, heretofore made by me.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Hall one negro Girl named Harriet, during her natural and at her death to her daughter Sarah Hall to her and her heirs forever. I leave to my said daughter Sarah Hall one room in my dwelling house called the Shed room with the privilege of fire Wood & Water during her natural life. I also give my said daughter Sarah Hall an annuity of one hundred dollars to be paid annually by son Anthony Thornton out of the

property which I have devised to him in this my
Will.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Catherine
Turner the interest of one thousand dollars to be paid
annually by my Executors hereafter to be received and
at the death of my said daughter Catherine Turner
it is my Will and desire, that my Executors do equally
divide the said one thousand dollars between the
three youngest children now in being of my said daughter
Catherine Turner, and in the event of either of the said
three children dying before the death of their
mother, then the said thousand dollars to be equally
divided between the survivors. And it is further my
Will and desire that my Executors do give to their hands
the said thousand dollars to be divided among the children

of my said daughter

the said daughter

the said daughter

the said daughter

to be paid by son John Thornton Jr. out of the prop-
erty which I have devised to him in this my Will.

I give and bequeath unto my son John Thornton Jr. two
hundred and fifty nine acres of land called and known
by the name of Church quarter and adjoining the land of
John Price Jr. and Edmund Taylor to him & his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son William Thornton
the property I have before given to him and in the event of my
son William Thornton's death without lawful issue, it is my will
and desire that my said son William Thornton shall have the
rest of land devised in this ^{my} Will to my son Anthony Thornton
and known by the name of Mill Creek and lying in the
County of Lancaster.

I give and bequeath unto my son Anthony Thornton
during his natural life one tract of land called and known by
the name of Mill Creek containing one thousand acres, or the same
or less, I also give him the tract of land on which I reside

...less, I was given from the tract of land on which I reside
together with the tract of land called Lawrence's, the tract at
the new found bridge and the tract called Hand-dge
being altogether seven hundred and seventy four acres
the same more or less during his natural life and in
event of my said son Anthony Thornton dying without
lawful issue then it is my will and desire that the tract
land called land known by the name of Shell Creek shall
go to my son William Thornton in fee simple to him
and his heirs forever and it is further my will and
desire in the event of my said son Anthony Thornton
dying without lawful issue that the tract of land on
which I reside the tract called Lawrence's, the tract at
new found river bridge, shall go to my son John
Thornton in fee simple to him and his heirs forever
and the land unto my grand daughter Counting
and my grand son named Washington name
of the said land during his life and

Nicholas Davis arrives at the age of twenty one years
then it is my Will and desire that the said negro boy Wash-
ington should be delivered to the said John Nicholas Davis
& I give him to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Anthony Thornton
one negro girl named Lucy daughter of Anna also all
my household & kitchen furniture to him and his heirs
forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my grand daughter
Mary Turner one negro girl named Mary, daughter
of little Betty, to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to Virginia Turner my grand
daughter, one negro child named Charlotte daughter
of Molly to her & her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter
Sarah J. Tomkins one negro girl named Lizzie daughter
of Molly to her & her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my grand Son Joseph
Tomkins, one negro boy David, son of Amy to him and
his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Elizabeth
Tomkins, one negro girl named Lavinia daughter of
Anna to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Mary
Tomkins one negro child named Nellie daughter of Rachel
to her & her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my grandson Edward Tom-
kins one negro boy the son of Rachel, her oldest now-
living, to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter
Catherine Tomkins, one negro child to be
paid for by my son.

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter
Mary Tomkins, one negro child to be
paid for by my son.

them shall one negro boy named Isaham Son of Anna To
me and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my grand sons, John W. Meade
and Richard Meade, Sons of my deceased daughter Ann Meade
one hundred dollars each to be paid by my executors within twelve
months after my death.

Item ~~my will and desire~~ is my Will and desire that my executors
hereafter to be named do all on a Credit of twelve months my negro

man named Bartlett and his Wife Mary and all the Children she
now has or may hereafter have together with all my horses and
stock of all kinds for the purpose of raising a fund to pay of
the legacies left my daughter Turner and my grand children

John W. Meade, Richard Meade and Catherine Tankers and
the surplus to be equally divided between my Sons John
Thernton Jr & Anthony Thernton to them and their heirs
forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son John Thernton Jr

and Anthony Thornton all the remainder of my personal
and personal estate not heretofore devised or disposed of
by this my last Will and Testament to be equally divided
between them and their heirs forever, and it is further my
will and desire that my Son John Thornton Jr. & An-
thony Thornton pay out of the personal estates left them
my just debts and funeral expenses.

I appoint my friends James Burleigh, Victor,
Lewis and Francis S. Taylor my Executors to this my
last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereto set my hand and
affixed my Seal this first day of November one thou-
sand eight hundred & Twenty one.

John Thornton

Witness my hand

at a Court

of monthly Session held for Monrovia County at the
Court-house on Wednesday the 33rd of January 1922.

This last Will and Testament of John Thornton died was
offered to proof by Hector Davis one of the executors therein
named and was proved by the oaths of John J. Taylor and
Geo. L. Bowles two of the Witnesses thereto, and also by
the oath of the said executor and is ordered to be recorded.

Teste.

William Pollard C.H.C.

A Copy Sent.

Philip B. Winston C.H.C.