

Day of August one thousand seven hundred and seventy one —

Signed, sealed in }
the presence of }

Rich Butts

Geo. Pollock

Crawford Thale

William Dale & Seal,

November 6th 1771. presents the act by Order Book

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East Lane Bank St

In the Name of God Amen. I John Mercer Jun^r of Norfolk County and Parish of Saint Prides, being Sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory do make and Order this to be my last will and Testament in Manner and form following VIZ. — — — — —
Item I give and Bequeath to my son Thomas Mercer the Land and Plantation whereon I now do live It being the Land that is given to me by my Father by a deed of Gift bearing date the 21th day of February 1765 to him my said son Thomas and his heirs for ever I also give unto my said son Thomas one hundred acres of Juniper Swamp Land it being my part of the Grand Survey (called) adjourne to my Father and Jacob Millisnoe to him my said son Thomas and his heirs for ever I also give unto my said son Thomas one half of my Entails and

Rights that is laid a back of the said swamp to him and his heirs for ever I
give unto my son Thomas all that part of Land called the Iftando that is given
unto me by my Father to him and his heirs for ever. I also give unto my said son
Thomas my Water mill and all the appurtenances thereof belonging to
him and his heirs for ever I also give unto my ^{said} son Thomas my Brandy
still and appurtenances thereunto belonging to him & his heirs for ever —
And I give and Bequeath unto my son John Marces eighty nine acres of Land that I
relapsed from Thomas Marces to him my son John and his heirs for ever I
also give unto my said son John one hundred and eighty seven acres of
Swamp Land held by a Patent bearing bearing date the 25th day of September
1762 to him my said son John and his heirs for ever I also give unto my said
son John and his heirs for ever all the Cypress Swamp that is given unto
me by my Father to him ~~and~~ my said son John and his heirs for ever I
also give unto my said son John Two hundred Acres of Juniper Swamp Land adjo-
ining unto Giles Randolph and Burgeses Swamps to him my ~~said~~ son John
and his heirs for ever I also give unto my said son John one half of my entry
and Rights that is laid a back of my son Thomas Marces's hundred acres of
Juniper Swamps to him my said son John and his heirs for ever —

and might be more or less

Juniper Swamps to him my said son John and his heirs for ever

My will and desire is that all the Juniper Swamps not before given that shall now
in my Possession should be sold by my Executors hereafter mentioned either by private

sale or publick sale which shall seem to them most convenient or advantage
ous to my Estate and the money thence arising if sold and the interest thereof

my will and desire is it should be Equally divided between my ~~son~~^{son} children
viz. Thomas John, Mary, Constant, Abby and Nancy, but if the said Swamps be

not sold by my Executors before my children comes of Age then my will and
desire is that the said Juniper Swamps be Equally divided according to quantity

ty and quantity between the afore said Thomas, John, Nancy, Mary, Constant,
and Abby and each of them to hold their part or share to them and their heirs

for ever

in I give and bequeath to every one of my children viz Thomas John Nancy
Mary, Constant and Abby shall have one negroe working hand able to do becom

ings, as soon as they come of Age or are Married by their Mothers Consent

alive or the consent of their Guardians that may be appointed for them. Also

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my will and desire is ~~it~~ should be Equally divided between my ~~children~~ children
viz. Thomas John, Mary Constant, Abby and Nancy, but if the said swamp be
not sold by my ^{sons} ~~lovers~~ before my children comes of Age then my will and
desire is that the said Juniper Swamp be Equally divided according to quant-
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alive, or the consent of their Guardians that may be appointed for them. Also
I give and bequeath to my said children Thomas John Nancy Mary Constant
and Abby and to each of them one Feather Bed and Furniture also one
Cow and calf to them and their heirs for ever —

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I give unto my Loving wife Mary Marcus Liberty for two working hands

To cut and work timber off the hundred acres of Juniper Swamp that is given
to my son Thomas she making no waste nor employing more hands but what
only is before mentioned during her natural life. I also give to my beloved wife Mary
Mercer the use and profit of all my estate not before given to her during her natu-
ral life all my Goods and Chattles what I have within and without she giving
my Children VIZ Thomas John Nancy Mary Constant and Abby. Proper Education
and bringing them Up —

It is my Will and desire that all my Negroes I have in Possession or have any
Right title or Interest in also all my goods and Chattles I have within and without
shall be Equally divided amongst my Children VIZ Thomas John, Nancy
Mary, Constant and Abby, After the death of my Loving wife Mary. I ever
to have in possession and hold to them and their Heirs for ever —

I also ordain and Appoint my Loving wife Mary Mercer and my son Thomas
Mercer and my beloved Friend Matthew Maen to be Executors & Executrix to
this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and disannulling all other
Wills heretofore by me made given under my Hand and seal this —

Twenty Eighth Day of October one thousand seven hundred & seventy one

Signed & Sealed as
J. Mercer Junr his last

his
John Mercer Junr

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John Mercers Jun^r his Last
Will and Testament in presence of

his
John to Mercer Jun^r
marks

Malachi Maun
Willis Withins
Mat^r Mercer

November Court 1771. proved &c as by Order Book

Exam^d by Jos^{ph} Lane B^{an}ck Esq

February Court 1784. Thomas Mercer qualified as executor to
the above will of J^r Mercer Junior. Test J. Broun d.c.

In the name of God Amen I Dinah Wilson of Norfolk County in the Colony