

In the Name of God, Amen, the fifth day of July  
MDCCCLVI - I Joseph Church of Norfolk County being Sick and  
Weak in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory, and knowing it  
is Ordained for all Men once to die do make and constitute this  
my last Will and Testament, that is to say, first I Recommend  
my Soul to Almighty God who gave it, and my Body to be buried  
in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my  
Executors, and as touching my Worldly Goods wherewith it hath  
been pleased God to Bless me with I Give and dispose of in Manner  
and form following (to wit)  
Item My Will and desire is that after my just Debts and funeral Charges  
are paid: that I Give and Bequeath unto my beloved Wife Sarah  
Church all the Right, Title, Claim and Interest that I have to any  
Negro

Slaves or Negroes in Virginia and North Carolina. And also I Give  
and Bequeath unto my said beloved Wife Sarah Church One certain  
Tract or parcel of Land lying and being in Currituck County North  
Carolina on the Indian Ridge which said Tract or parcel of Land was  
bequeath unto me by my Sister Lydia Caroon, and that all my other  
Estate not heretofore dispos'd off or bequeath; in Virginia and North  
Carolina be and is hereby Given unto my said Beloved Wife Sarah Church  
to her and her Heirs. — My Will and desire also is that my beloved  
Wife Sarah Church and Mr. Robert Tucker jun<sup>r</sup> be jointly Executors  
and Executor of this my last Will and Testament and I hereby utterly  
Disallow all other Wills or Wills by me made whatsoever, Ratifying  
and Confirming this to be my last Will and Testament. In Witnefs  
whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day and Year  
first above written. — Joseph Church and Seal

Signed, Sealed & Declared to be  
the last Will and Testament

first above written.

Joseph Church and Seal

Signed, Sealed & Declared to be  
the last Will and Testament  
of Joseph Church in presence of

Robert Tucker Junr

Charles Mayle

Thomas Jones

Norfolk County

At a Court held the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Decem: 1767.

The last Will and Testament of Joseph Church deceased was this day proved  
by the oath of Charles Mayle and lodged for further proof.

Norfolk County

At a Court held the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1768.

The last Will and Testament of Joseph Church deceased was this day  
further Proved by the oath of Robert Tucker & ordered to be Recorded;

John?

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