

In the Name of God Amen This Tenth Day of February In the Twentieth
Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain
France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and in the Year of our Lord Christ one Thousand
Seven Hundred Fifty and Five I Thomas Owens of the Western Branch of Elizabeth River
and County of Norfolk Virginia Being very Sick and Weak of Body but of Sound and Perfect
Perfect Mind and Memory Blessed be God for it Therefore Calling to mind the Mortality of Body and
Knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to Die to Make Ordain Constitute and Appoint this to
be my Last Will and Testament in Manner and Form following That is to Say First and Principally
I Recommend my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me Hoping to be Saved thro the only Merits and
Mediation of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and my Body I Commit to the Earth
From Whence it was taken to be Buried in a Christian and Decent Manner by my Executors
Hereafter Named doubting but at the general Resurrection I Shall receive the Same again by
the mighty Power of God and as touching those worldly Goods and Estate Wherewith it hath pleased
God to Bless me I Give Bequeath and dispose of them in the following manner and Form
I Will that all my Just Debts and several Charges be Discharged in a convenient time after my Decease by my Executors
I make Ordain Constitute and appoint my Dearly Beloved Wife Sophia Owens to be
my Whole and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament
I Give and Bequeath to my Well Beloved Son William Owens all my Land to him and his
Heirs lawfully Begotten of his Body for ever only Not Debaring his Mother from her Thirds
and my Desire is to Give my Dearly Beloved Wife the use of my Negro fellow Harry while
my Son William Comes to the Years of Twenty and one and Then my Desire is that my Son William
Shall have him I Give my Son my Gun one Gun Lord and Fathered before me

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I Give and Bequeath to my Well Beloved Daughter ann. Owens & Neages Gurne
Chance only my Desire is my Wife shall have the use of the Said Neages While my Daughter
Comes to the Years of twenty and one I Give Likewise to my Daughter ann one Small Iron post &
Nack one Iron pestle one Spice Morter and pestel and a Box Iron and Two Pounden Cattle
Here I Give and Bequeath to my Well Beloved Daughter Liddia Owens My Neages boy Called
Roger only my Desire is my Wife shall have the use of him While my Daughter Liddia Comes to the
Years of twenty and one and I Give to my Daughter Liddia one Sea Cattle and Tribet and
~~and~~ ~~in fact~~ and my Desire is if Please God my Son Dies Before he Has any child
that my Daughter ann shall have my Manner Plantation that I now Live upon and the other
Land my Desire is my Daughter Liddia shall have that I Give and Bequeath to my
Dearly Beloved Wife Sophiah Owens all the Rest of my Things Within and Without
During her Widowhood and Whace my Wife Marries my Desire is that my Three Children
and my Wife shall have it all Equally Divided amongst the Three
And I do hereby Revoke and Disannul all former and Other Wills By me heretofore Made
if any such are found Ratifying and Confirming this and no Other to be my Last Will
and Testament Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the Day and Year first above
Signed Sealed and Delivered to be the Last Will and
Testament of the Said Thomas Owens in the Presence of us

John Swelling
John Owens
Sarah Owens
Sarah Owens
Mark

I Desire that my Daughter Liddia
shall have Twenty Pounden in Cash
att. of each of twenty one years or
att her Marrying
in year 1757 the 8 Day of December

Thomas Owens

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Norfolk Co. VA Wills 1747-1759

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