

Edwards County being of sound Memory & Understanding & considering  
the uncertainty of this Mortal Life being desirous of settling my Temporal  
affairs: do make, constitute & appoint this my last Will & Testament  
revoking all others heretofore made. —

Imprimis. My Will & desire is that my Beloved Wife Sarah Moore have  
the Land & Plantation whereon I now live during her natural life, together  
with Negroes named Jack, Samuels, Lude, Peter, Fanny, David, Glos, & Buby  
and my riding Chair. & it is my desire that she have during her Widowhood  
all my House Hold & Kitchen Furniture, & stock of any kind & that she dispose  
of it among my Children as she shall think proper. After my Wifes decease to  
be equally divided among all my Children. —

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Nancy Moore the following  
Negroes named Mary & Lueky in case in lieu of full satisfaction of a  
bequeath made her by her Grandfather John  
Moore to her and her Heirs forever.

Item I Give & Bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Moore the following  
Negroes named Rachel & Betty and in case in lieu of full satisfaction  
of a Bequeath made her by her Grand Father John Moore for Forty Pounds to  
her & her Heirs forever.

Item. I Give & Bequeath to my Son George Moore all the Lands I possess on Side of Deep Fork Creek in Caswell County North Carolina together with the Following Negroes Bob & Cather to him and his Heirs forever.

Item. I Give & Bequeath to my Son John Moore all the Lands I possess on both sides Cain Creek in Caswell County North Carolina together with the Following Negroes Named Lewis & Kate and one Hundred pounds to him & his Heirs forever.

Item. I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Thomas Jay Moore (the Truck of Land that my Co<sup>rs</sup> hereafter named is to purchase with the sum of Four Hundred pounds) with two Negroes Named Jack & Eda to him & his Heirs forever.

Item. I Give & Bequeath unto my Son Joseph Jay Moore the Land & premises whereon I now live in after my Wifes Decease, & if my Son Joseph should Marry or come of age before the Decease of his Mother, it is my Will & Desire that he have the free & uninterrupted use of that part of my Land that lies over the road Westward joining Co<sup>rs</sup> Journeys Tract for the purpose of working his Negroes on untill his Mothers Decease, together with the following Negroes named Little B. & Will to him & his Heirs forever.

his Mother's Disease, together with the following Negroes named Little  
Bolley & Teller, to him & his Heirs forever —

Item, I Give & Bequeath to my Daughter Bolley these the Following  
Negroes named Peggy & Akuk to her and her Heirs forever. —

Item, I Give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth these the Follow-  
ing Negroes named Dinah & Tekil to have & to hold the same for  
ever & her heirs —

My Will & desire is that all my Kentucky Lands be Equally Divided  
Among all my Children when my Son George Arrives to Lawful Age, to  
them & their Heirs forever I Give it. & it is my Will and desire that all  
my Children severally as they may come of age or marry, One Horse  
Saddle & Bridle, one Feather Bed & furniture to have and to hold the  
same, to them & their Heirs forever —

My Will & desire is that when my Son Thomas comes of age my Executors  
hereafter Named shall Expose to Sale my Tract of Lands Called  
Mottlys, also my Tract of Lands Adjoining my two Mills with the Mills  
& Appurtenances thereof & out of the Money arising from the Sale  
thereof they lay out four Hundred pounds in other Lands for  
my Son Thomas (as above mentioned) & the balance of the Money

Arising from such Sale to be equally divided among my Children - but if my Co<sup>rs</sup> should think it best to reserve a part or the whole of the Residue of Land after Raising the four Hundred pounds above Mentioned till my youngest Children marry or come of Age they are at full Liberty to act in <sup>either</sup> case as they may think best. & as I have only the Equitable Title to part of the Upper Mill Tract and that part of the Lower Mill Tract purchased of Zachariah & Leigh my desire is that my Executors proceed to recover a Legal Title to the Whole. —

My Will & desire is that the residue of my Slaves which I have not heretofore specifically devised away it is my desire that as my Children shall respectively marry or arrive at the Age of Twenty One years that there be as many equal Allotments of the said Negroes as I have Children at the time. & that one of the said Allotments be delivered them respectively according to the afore mentioned times which ever of the two circumstances shall first happen and in case of Death or Accident any of the Negroes said to be given by name to any of my Children before such allotment is made should happen it is my desire that respect be had to such deficiency & made up before the Allotment.

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of Abram West should stand in the same Situation in every respect with  
the other Lands left to be sold by my Executors at their Discretion —

My Will & desire is that all the residue of my Estate not particu-  
larly mentioned be kept together for the purpose of raising my  
Children during my wife's widowhood and in case she should marry  
then it is my desire that she have allotted to her a child's part  
of Stock furniture &c equal with any of <sup>my</sup> my Children.

Finally, it is my Will & desire that after my Wife's Death all the resi-  
due of my Estate be it of what nature or Quantity soever be equally  
divided among all my Children Share & Share alike, to have &  
hold the same & their Heirs forever —

And I do hereby Nominate & Appoint my well beloved Wife my  
three Friends William Cowan, John Withins & Charles Allen my  
Whole & Sole Executors & Executors of this my last Will and  
Testament Revoking all others formerly made. In Witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal this twenty third day of  
September 1798 —

Joseph Howe Esq

Godwile It is my Will & desire  
that after anyone of my Children  
receives their Allotment as above  
they shall have no right to Claim  
any other part of my Estate than the  
proportion of the Ballance of Monies arising  
from the Sales of Land as above & their proportion of their  
Mothers estate after her Decease -

Signed & sealed in  
the presence of us

Stumpford W. Cyne

Martha V. Allen

Elizabeth H. Allen

Mary Foulke

John Foulke

William Burnall

George Reed

John Souths  
William Burnall  
George Redd

At a Court held for Prince Edwards County Apr 18<sup>th</sup> 1795.  
This Last Will and Testament of Joseph Moore deceased was pre-  
sented in Court and proved by three <sup>Heirs</sup> Witnesses and Ordered to be recor-  
ded and on the Motion of John Watkins & Sarah Moore who gave  
Bond and security & took the oath required by Law Certificate  
for obtaining a probat thereof in due form is granted them and  
leave for the other Executors therein Named to take Execution thereof  
at another Day.

Teste

John Watkins