

Thos
John
Will

In the Name of God Amen, I John Thos of the County of Southampton, being
disposing mind do make this my last Will and Testament in the following manner,
I give, devise, bequeath and dispose of my worldly goods both real and personal which I have received of God of his infinite
mercies to be taken on me as followeth, to wit

1st I give

I give the use of my Vineyard, and Vine to my loving Wife Martha
Thos during her natural life, I likewise give to my Wife my Negro Man called Ben
Lease and also I give the use of all my Land and my Mill and the Appurtenances and
all belonging to my Mill which now lies in Pringle to my Wife during her Widow
hood or life if she make herself in the time of her being a Widow, Also I give to my
Wife the use of two Beds and furniture, my Man called Blagg my Horses
called the Black horse, four cows, and calves, three trees and a Ram and my
Appurtenances, my Cart, all my Kitchen furniture my Tools of all kinds, my Gang of
Hogs called Deloach, my flock of sheep, my Duck and my best Shad of
Linen Spence during her natural life and all my Loom.

Then I give and bequeath to my Wife Daughter Nancy Whinnan (which I own to be my
lawful daughter) my Negro man calling after my Wife has had the use of him ten Years, my negro
Man called Ben Lease, my Slave Thomas who was lawful of me when she was to this life to
her and her heirs, or assigns only to her during her natural life.

Then I give and bequeath to my Wife all my present and future child of after born I should be a living child
before my death or at any time within my Negro woman George which I have
bought my child shall be to have lawful issue to him or her which I my heirs and
assigns, if otherwise only to her during her natural life.

I have given all the remaining part of my estate which is not mentioned in the above

I give and bequeath to my Wife Daughter Nancy Atkinson (who shall be my
 executrix) my Negro man Jeffery after my Wife shall have the care of him ten Years, my Negro
 man Stephen shall be Mary Thromond who has a lawful issue when she departs this life to
 her and her heirs, if otherwise only to her during her natural life
 I do also bequeath my v. Child at present in the womb of a free woman I should be a living child
 at the time when I am at the time when my Negro woman, George & his Christian
 provided my v. Child shall be a lawful issue to him or her (which my husband to
 and to the heirs, if otherwise only to it during its natural life.

Now I desire all the remaining part of my estate which is not mentioned in the above and
in any of this Will above to be sold for the best price that can be got for the same and the
proceeds arising from the same to be equally divided among my 3 daughters Mary Anne
and the child my Wife and myself.

Item If either of my said Children Nancy or Henry should depart this
 life without Lawfull Issue then I give to the surviving one during the natural life the
 whole of my Estate giving the same above and if the surviving Child departs this life
 leaving Lawfull Issue then I give the whole to my said surviving Child and its heirs
 not withstanding the terms of the clause above saying that if my Wife is pregnant with issue at the
 a Boy I give to him after my Wife's Widowhood as above all my Lands, Mill and its appur-
 tenances and every thing belonging to the Pringe of my Mills during her Natural Life
 and if he departs this life leaving Lawfull Issue then I give to him my said son and his
 heirs forever my said Lands, Mill and what belongs to the mill
 Item If both my said Children should depart this life without Lawfull Issue then I give the
 whole of my Estate after the debt of my Estate is paid to the intended to be sold and equally
 divided between my Brothers and Sisters to wit Minda Francis Sarah Maria Mary Anne
 Jeremiah each an equal part to be divided equally between four of my Brothers
 Aaron Thomas children to wit Joseph & John & Peter & Robert & William their
 Item I do designate my loving child Martha my friend Mary Keane my
 usual free Executor of this my Will in which I have hereto set my hand &
 attested my Seal this 16th day of May 1779

signed sealed published and declared

by me the said Testator as he last did

in testimony in presence of

John McCollon, Thomas Adams, Mary Robinson, John Kille, Howell H. Adams

in the presence of

I have given my 2^d Lands & till and what belongs to the mill -
I hope my dear children should depart this life without having seen the
whole of my Estate after the different kinds of land before mentioned to be sold and equally
divided between my Brothers and Sisters to each. Minda Francis Sarah Maria Mary Peo.
Jermiah Wm and one equal part to be divided equally between four of my Brothers
Aaron Phoebe children to each. I hope I may live long enough to see them all.
I am ever your affectionate Father
John Adams my Loving Wife Martha my friends Henry Maria my
minors great Executors of this my Will In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
affixed my Seal this 15th day of May 1779.

signed & sealed published and declared
by the said John Hay, assistant (Mil
N^o 10) in presence of

e. Schmitt in Vienna
 e. Schmitt, Schmitt & Co. v. May (Schmitt & Co. v. May) ^{has a name}
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O & C. a Court held for the County of Durham, to wit on the 10th day of July 1781. Then Well was
 presented in Court by Martha Thorp and Hardy Hearn the Exors. therein named and showed
 by the oath of Thomas Adams and Henry Nicholson two of the Witnesses therein named and
 to be recorded. And on the motion of the Exors. who made oath according to law
 that the same is granted them for obtaining a Probate in due form giving solemnly their
 Verdict.

Richard In the Name of God Amen. I Charles Nicholson of the County of Southampton being of Law, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears from the records of the said Court.