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In the name of God amen I John Thorpe the husband of Phoebe
and parent of Charles being in perfect health and understanding that the
almighty God for the same do make and ordain this my last Will and
and Testament in manner and form following to wit

Item My will and desire after my personal expenses are discharged and just debts
are paid for the twentieth and remaining of my will to be executed as follows

Item I give the use of my land lying in the fork between Three Creeks & George Branch
which I purchased of John Hannacutt to Phoebe Thorpe the last of my
son Aaron Thorpe died during his lifetime had a certain by estimation
three hundred and fifty acres

Item After the expiration of the aforesaid Phoebe Thorpe Widowhood of her given
and bequeath the aforesaid purchased of John Hannacutt containing
by estimation 350 acres to the same more or less to my grandson Henry Thorpe
son of my dead son Aaron Thorpe and to his heirs forever

Item My will and desire is for my negro boy Will to be sold and the money arising
from the sale to be divided between the children of my deceased son Aaron
to wit Aaron Thomas Catlett Henry and Phoebe Thorpe

Item I give and bequeath to my son Moses Thorpe the land purchased of James
Bass containing by estimation 265 acres lying on the South side of the Three
Creeks and two negroes to wit David & Sharpen to him the said Moses to his heirs forever

piece of low grounds of the Three Creeks that fell above these Robins branch
into the main run of the Three Creeks the large ground I gave to my
son Jeremiah is as follows beginning at a corner tree of Charles Bapts land
land on the main run of the said Three Creeks then measuring 500 yards
down the said Creeks making a corner then then running a straight
line to where the said Robins branch first enters the low grounds of the said
of the said Creeks including this piece of low grounds and the land
lying on the South side of Robins branch mentioned in the legacy
as above I give to my said son Jeremiah Thorpe and to his heirs forever
where I give and devise to my said son Jeremiah Thorpe two negro
slaves Dick and Frank & to his heirs forever

I then I give and devise to my said son Jeremiah Thorpe all the West-gate
plantation and land whereon I now live that lye on the North
side of Robins branch esteemed to be about 700 acres or a little more
and one acre of land on the South side of Robins branch joining
the Mill dam the piece of low grounds of the Three Creeks from where
Robins branch empties into the main run of the Three Creeks

up to within 300 yards of Charles Bays house on the main river of the bay
thence a straight line to where the said Roberts branch enters the bay
of the said bay to him the said John Thorpe to her heirs forever & to his
give and devise to my said son John my still & Meninges to wit / Also
young Geo George Jeffrey Simon Jacob Judith & Well & Amey to him and
his heirs forever also one feather bed & furniture this legacy of Negro to my
son John is on the condition that my said son John is to pay unto my
daughter Media Spence one hundred dollars & in case of my said son
refusing to pay or delay the paying the said one hundred Dollars unto
my said daughter Media & six months after the my will
is proved in court and ordered to be recorded then my will &
desires is that as much of my said sons John legacy shall be paid
as will raise the said one hundred dollars and the same to be
delivered to my said daughter Media

Now

I likewise give and bequeath to my said son John the north part of
land purchased of James Westbrook located on the South side
from the head of a Meadow of a small river that William
Johnson has a pond on a straight line to the north corner of the
Meadow

from the head of a Meadow of a small creek that William
Johnson has a pond on a straight line to the north corner of Arthur
Matthews fence to him the said and to his heirs forever

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Item William Johnson has purchased a parcel of land of one and has
given me a bond for the purchase money and choosen I shall give
him the said land in this said Will In compliance therewith
I give and devise to the said William Johnson the south part
of my land I bought of James Medbrook bounded on the north side
by the land mentioned in my son John's ^{last} Will & going from the head of the meadow
of a river whereon the said Johnson has a pond to the North corner of
Arthur Matthews ~~bounded~~ ^{Adjoined by estimation to be one hundred acres}
to him the said Johnson & to his heirs forever

Item I give the laborer of my negro girl Jane to my daughter Drucilla Thomas
during her natural life and after her death I give and bequeath to
my granddaughter Jane Bartow the said negro girl Jane and all her increase
to her and her heirs forever

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Sarah Thomas two negro Doll and Nancy
to her heirs & heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Rogers two negro boys to her
and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Alice Ann Thomas Negro Dorcas Ben

I give and devise to the said William Johnson the south part
of my land I bought of James Mulbrook bounded on the north or division
by the line mentioned in my son John's ^{last} legacy from the head of the meadows
of a river whereon the said Johnson has a pond to the North corner of
Arthur Matthews ~~Obtained by estimation to be one hundred acres~~
to him the said Johnson & to his heirs forever

Item I give the labours of my negro girl Sam to my daughter Drucilla Thomas
during her natural life and after her decease I give and bequeath to
my granddaughter Fanny Bartow the said negro girl Sam and all her increase
to her and her heirs forever

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Sarah Harris two negroes Doll and Nancy
to her heirs & theirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Perry & her heirs forever
and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Olive Ruth Ann Negro Dorcas Ben
and Limes to her and her heirs forever

At some years ago I gave a negro girl to my grand Randolph Harris (called
Lydia) she is now under the care of my son in law Lewis Harris & his
heirs forever the gift now fully I give to the said Randolph Harris the negro

women Lydia and two children the said Lydia having married ~~some~~ ^{John}

her first to her father and brother ^{My dear}

I give to my grand daughter Anna Thorpe one negro girl called Puff to be
and her heirs forever.

My Will and desire is that all the best of my estate in what manner

it lieth or may be found including what negroes I have not given in

this will to a tract of land containing 225 acres be the same more or

less on the south side of the three creeks and bounded by the lands of

William Taylor Nathaniel Hount Edward Lundy & John

Myrick and Edward ~~Myrick~~ may be sold for the best price that can be

got for the same and the money arising from the sale thereof together with

ready cash and money due to me to be equally divided betwixt my

children the children of my deceased son Anna Thorpe (namely Anna

Thomas Edith Thomas & Phoebe Thorpes one equal part to be divided equally

amongst them) Moses Thorpe Jeremiah Thorpe John Thorpe Medias ~~James~~

Drucilla Thompson Sarah Harris & Mary Rice and Charles Rice

I do constitute and appoint my dearest and well beloved son John Thorpe my

whole sole executor of this my last will and testament making null & void

all other former wills Bequest by me in any wise before made &c

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I do constitute and appoint my dear and well beloved son John Thorpe my
sole sole executor of this my last will and testament making null & void
all other former wills Request ye in any case before will do or bequeathed
Ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal
this 10 day of May 1772

Signed Seal published and declared by the said

John Thorpe as his last Will and testament in presence of

Joseph Nicholson
Clay Johnson
Nancy Harris

John Thorpe

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 13 day of February 1772
The will was presented in Court by John Thorpe the executor therein named
sworn by the oath of Clay Johnson and Nancy Harris two of the witnesses
therein and ordered to be recorded And on the motion of the executor the
said executor who made oath according to law testified & gave evidence
obtaining a probat hereof in due form giving security thereunto.

R. Kell. C.
Clerk

In the name of the Court