

August Court 1766 Lxxv

In the name of God Amen I John Tatum of aforesaid Parish in the County of Surry being in good health and of a sound perfect & disposing mind & memory Thanks be to Almighty God for the same and calling to mind the uncertain Estate of this Transitory life & that all flesh must yield unto Death whenever it shall please God to call us make and ordain this my last will & Testament first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it hoping through the merits & intercession of my only Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ Obtain fully & perfectly of all my sins & to Inherit everlasting life & as to my body I commit it to the earth from whence it came to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named and as to my Temporal estate otherwise it hath pleased God to bless me withall. I Give devise & dispose of the same in manner & form following

Impower My devise is that all my just debts & funeral expences be duly paid & I charge My devise my loving wife Mary Tatum have the use & benefit of my plantation during her Natural life & also my daughter Mary Young the use of the said plantation During her natural life after her mothers decease

Item I Give & devise unto my Grandson Frederick Young & his Heirs forever, my plantation above mentioned with all the land & Improvements thereunto belonging lying one Hundred & thirtien Acres by computation be the same more or less to begin at the mouth of a Slack or low ground between my plantation & the my Tatum or Joseph Swamp on the south side thereof & ——— running up the said Slack to a stone black oak by a road known by the name of Crabones road thence along the said road to Robert Tatum's line & along his line to Joseph Swamp & bounded by the various water courses of the same to the place first begun at

Item I Give & bequeath unto my Grandson Frederick Young one further tract & furniture formerly called a yellow mare

Item All the rest and residue of my Estate I leave the use of to my Loving Wife Mary Tatum during her Natural life & after her decease I Give & bequeath the same to my daughter Mary Young & her Heirs forever.

Item My Credit in my Estate be not appraised

Item I Leave my Son in law Thomas Young to and appoint him to be sole Executor of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking & disannulling all former wills & Testaments by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 29th day of January One thousand seven hundred & 66

John Tatum (Seal)

