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In the Name of God Amen. I
James Perkins of the County of Beau-
fort in the Province of North Carolina
Planter being now in health of Body and of perfect mind & memory
thanks be to God for the same yet calling to mind the mortality of
mans body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die
Do make ordain & constitute this my Last Will & Testament in the
manner & form following that is to say that is Principally and first
of all I Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it as
for my Body I leave to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like & De-
cent manner at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named: and
as touching such worldly Goods as it hath pleased God to Bless me with
I Give Bequeath Divide & Dispose of in the manner & form following
Items I Give and Bequeath to Margaret my Beloved Wife the third
part of all my Lands During her natural Life or widowhood with the
full possession use & enjoyment of all and every part of all my Lands
& their appertinances until my Children hereafter named shall arrive
to Lawful age to receive their part She not making Sale or wast of
the appertinances belonging to the said Land.

Item I Give & Bequeath to David Perkins my Son my now Dwelling
Plantation with the South part of the track of Land thereto belonging
Extending from ye River to a marked Pine Standing in the Pond and
from thence with a straight line to the head of a Creek called Long
Creek from thence including all the Southern part of the said track
by him to be possessed and enjoyed free from all cost or charge at
any time before accruing - him & his his heirs forever Except ye third
part thereof to his mother as before sd.

Item. I Give and bequeath to my well beloved Son James Perkins the
remaining part of the said track of Land from ye marked Pine and
line to Long Creek before named to the North Bounds including all
the northern part the third part as aforesd to his mother excepted by
him to be possessed & enjoyed & his heirs forever free from all former charge
whatsoever.

Item I Give & Bequeath to my Son Jonathan Perkins Part of a tra-
ck of 180 acres of Land as pr Deed thereof on Bay River adjoining
on the East Side of my now Dwelling Plantation beginning at the
River Side at the mouth of a small Creek running up ye Creek to
a marked Mulberry tree Standing on a small branch thence

near a N.E.W course to a marked Gum standing in Ridge in the Pond
thence N.E. to the line of my Son Edmund. line thence with
ye Branch called Deep Branch & Creek to the River Side by him to be
possessed & enjoyed as before excepted.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Son Edmund Perkins the Eastern
most part of the said track of Land from ye aforesaid Deep Branch &
Creek to the Bound thereof as by the Deed & patent thereof may appear
when he shall arrive to Lawful age (the third part to his as before excep-
ted) by him to be possessed and enjoyed & his heirs forever.

And as for all and every of my personal Estate Goods Chattels & Credits
after the payment of all my lawful Debt & Restitution made I Will
& Bequeath unto Margaret my Beloved wife for and during the term of
her natural Life by her to be fully & freely to be possessed and enjoyed
Provided always that she shall remain a widow until my Children
should come of age that then my Estate as aforesd shall be Divided
to each of them equally in she shall have an equal part with one
of them. I Will also that all my Children shall be sent to School
& Educated so as to Read properly ye English tongue and to write a
Legible hand and that it may be lawful for my Executors hereafter
named to sell of personal Estate such things as they shall think
most proper for the benefit of my Children to pay the Expense of their learning.
Lastly I Do make ordain & appoint Margaret my Beloved wife for a
than Perkins my Brother and James Latham joint Executors & Execu-
tors of this my Last Will & Testament: Provided my wife Margaret
shall Remain a Widow But if she should Marry again that then she
shall quit & Surrender the Estate to the aforesd Jonathan & James
together with her Executors ship and have & enjoy an equal childs part
and no more. Hereby utterly Revoking Disannulling and Disallow-

ing all and every other Will or Wills Donors legacies or Bequests
By me in any wise heretofore made or Done.

Willing & Bequeathing Ratifying and Confirming This and no other to
be my Last Will & Testament. Will & Bequeathed Published Pro-
voked and Declared by the said James Perkins as his Last Will &
Testament this twenty Sixth Day of March in the year of our Lord one
thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty

Signed Sealed and D D
in the presence of

John Wilcock
Mary Lyvack
William Wilcock

James Perkins
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