

In the Name of God Amen the second day of January  
1739 I, John Mills Gent of the County of Beaufort &  
provid of North Carolina, planted being very sick  
& weak in body, but of a perfect mind & memory  
thanks be given unto God, therefore calling unto  
mind the mortality of my body & knowing that  
it is appointed for all men once to die, I do  
make & ordain this my last will and testament  
that is to say, principally of that good and  
reasonable soul into the hands of almighty God  
that gave it, & my body I recommend to the earth  
to be buried in decent Christian burial at the  
discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but  
that at the General Resurrection I shall receive  
it again by the mighty power of God's as touching  
worldly estate as it hath pleased me in  
this life with, I give & dispose of the same in the  
following manner to wit, Item. I give & bequeath to  
my beloved Son child Moses Tyson the plantation I  
now live on & land and privileges thereto belong-  
ing to him his heirs & assigns forever.  
Item. I give & bequeath unto my beloved Son  
child Moses Tyson my negro fellow himant, the hand  
mill stone & one set of iron wedges and feather  
bed with at broad striped tickers & the furniture  
as it stand, two two gallon basins & 1 pottle  
basin, two pewter dishes & three pewter plates,  
and brass candle stick, and eight gall iron  
pot, and casket with 12 bottles therunto belonging,  
backholders chest & gun & all the tools & axes belonging  
to me, one brass candle & one frying pan & one  
iron skillet, one pair of pot hooks & one pair of iron  
trammel & 6 cheese & one " " pot of iron tongs, and  
three gall stone Jug & one half of acet the cattle  
I have except one black steer & one bull, and  
hallow wags.

Item. I give and bequeath to my friend Wm  
Smith my old Backholders bed without any

furniture.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved Nephew  
John Mills one new easy chair.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved Nephew Nabby  
Mills one old drudge coat & one old black shawl waist  
coat.

Item. I give & bequeath to my housekeeper Bridget Kelly  
my spinning wheels & cards and one old wheel & cotton  
I have and two barrels of corn.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved Son child  
Courtney Tyson one iron bound chest two & gall hat  
serv & all other moveables that I have both within  
doors & without except my carpenters tools.

Item. I give & bequeath to my beloved friend " Tyson  
one carpenters adz and pair of sheep shears, and prairie hake  
" " likewise constitute make & ordain my beloved son  
in law " Tyson my whole & sole Executor for this  
my last will & testament & I do hereby utterly disallow  
revoke & disannul all & every other former testaments  
wills, bequests & bequests & Executors by me in any  
ways before named willed & bequeathed, ratifying  
& confirming this & no other to be my last will &  
testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
& seal this day and year above written.

John Mills  
his mark

Signed, sealed, delivered &  
declared by the test.

John Mills as his last  
willed & testament in the  
presence of us.

James Chalcraft,  
Joseph <sup>his</sup> Hardie,  
John <sup>mark</sup> Hardie.

True Copy  
Rog. Jones  
Clerk