

In the name and fear of God, Amen, I John Morgan of Guilford County, North Carolina, being of full and sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby certify that on the 1st day of September one thousand eight hundred and nine, made and contain this my Last Will and Testament.

1st My will and desire is that the two black children of the black woman Sarah, called mine, named Robert Joseph be made free if practicable, and to that end, until they shall respectively be made free according to law, and they respectively arrive to mature age free or not free, I vest all my right title interest in and power over them in my truly friends Owen Stanton, Francis Mack and Jesse Harris of Guilford County and your (Bishop) son of testimony between the one two of house and land belonging jointly or severally to be their protectors and guardians, and I order my executors to deliver them into their custody of their possessions, and I request the said Owen Stanton, Francis Mack, Jesse Harris, James Bishop or either of them as the case may be, to use every lawful and speedy exertion in their power to obtain their freedom in law, and to hand them out to the best advantage in their power, the said Joseph till he attains the age of twenty one, the said Robert till he attains the age of eighteen years, and let this my design be carried into effect. I authorize and request the said Owen Stanton, Francis Mack, Jesse Harris, James Bishop jointly or severally, or the survivors or survivor of them, before my decease, to make such ample provision as shall vest all the right title interest and power hereby vested in them in as many persons that they can repose the like confidence in as they may deem sufficient or necessary, jointly or severally to be their executors for the above purposes, with like powers jointly or severally to appoint another or others after him or them in deed and in perpetual succession until their freedom respectively be obtained in law, and should any suit or suits in law or equity, at any time be brought, by any person or persons whatsoever to deprive the said Owen Stanton, Francis Mack, Jesse Harris, James Bishop or any of them, heirs or any of their successors of the right title interest powers or trust hereby stated and reposed in them, to defeat or frustrate these my intentions, I request they will make defence according to the rules of law and equity, and I order my executors to furnish money out of my estate to pay the expenses sustained in making such defence so that it do not exceed one hundred dollars, and I desire the said executors and their successors whenever they bring out any one of these black children to limit in the indentures for them not to be carried

of bonded bond by without their Special permits.

2^d and whereas the right and title I have to the said Robert and Joseph are derived from my wife Mary by our intermarriage in consideration thereof, and as a substitute adequate to repair any damages loss she may sustain by being deprived of them, I give and bequeath unto my said wife Mary all my house hold, children and table furniture of every description, to her and her heirs and assigns for ever. I also give and bequeath unto my said wife Mary all the right title interest claim and demand which I have to the black woman Sarah which came by her named Sarah with all the increase or children she may have after the date of these presents, to her and to her heirs and assigns for ever, but request she will according to her solemn promise, make Robert free as soon as may be after my decease.

3^d I give and bequeath unto my son Harriette Lee Morgan, my new watch, and order my executors to purchase another of equal value for my son John Wesley Morgan, to be delivered to them respectively when seventeen years of age, and whereas I don't want my wearing apparel exposed to sale, I give the whole to my said two sons, to be divided between them by my executors according to their discretion, to have their heirs and assigns for ever.

4th I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary, and to her three daughters Martha Mary Lovey Babiton and Anne Dickey, each a new habit pattern to be taken out of my store after my decease, to them, their heirs and assigns.

5th I desire my executors to have and exercise the government and oversight of my children during their minority, I desire so far as to have them brought up in pious families of the Quaker or Methodist persuasion, to whatever place, room or position attached, and cause them to acquire a decent school education agreeably to sex, the expense whereof for each, to be as sparingly as possible, defrayed out of their respective portions hereafter allotted them, and my sons Harriette Lee and John Wesley, as soon as they attain a suitable degree, to be sent to school in the Country at or about the academies till fifteen or sixteen years of age, then in the Town of Baltimore or City of Philadelphia as convenience may occur, my son Harriette Lee to be sent to learn the art or mystery of mercantile business, and my son John Wesley some very profitable mechanical trade, my daughter Mary Elizabeth Morgan I desire to continue with and be brought up by her mother and I hereby appoint her mother her guardian.

6th I desire any one or more of my executors to sell and convey my entire estate in all the lands I own in fee simple at public vendue giving twelve to eighteen months credit on good

Security, except one acre in that tract on Hadnots Creek, whereon the Baptist meeting house stands, which said acre I give and devise to the Baptist Society for continuing repairing & rebuilding their meeting houses on, to them their trustees and successors forever. And should I leave a considerable sum of merchandise on hand, I desire my executors will cause it to be retailed at private sale for cash till the quantity shall be some ten inconsiderable for the practice to be profitable; then to sell the balance at public vendue, giving nine months credit on good security, also to rent out my dwelling house in Durham and my store house in Beaufort till my leases for the same on they stand shall respectively expire, but a reasonable time before they expire to sell my said houses at public vendue giving twelve to eighteen months credit on good security, also to use all lawful ways and means to collect my outstanding debts, and the net proceeds of such sales, rents, collections of cash on hand, with such other property as may be found belonging to my estate, not otherwise herein disposed of (my debts being paid) I order to be equally divided between my wife Mary Morgan, and all my children, share and share alike, to them their heirs and assigns for ever.

And I hereby appoint my truly friends Joseph Borden, James Chas. and George Read of Beaufort County to execute this my Last will and Testament. In Witness whereof presents, I the said John Morgan have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed and published in the presence of us.

Test Peter Nor

Columbus Ramsey.

Beaufort County Court

March Term 1810

Then was this written paper exhibited into Court & by the affirmation of Columbus Ramsey was legally proved to contain the true last will & Testament of John Morgan dec'd and Joseph Borden & George Read, two of the Executors therein named qualified as such: Laid on the Testamentary record to them.

Attest Geo Read Clerk

Be it Remembered this first day of the month March one Thousand Eight Hundred and nine that I James Mace of Beaufort County in the State of North Carolina being of a sound mind and weak in body do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in the following manner and form: I Leave this thousand acres of land whereon I now live with all the improvements thereunto belonging to my beloved wife Sarah Mace during her natural life, and after her I give the aforesaid thousand acres of land to my son Isaac Mace to him and to his heirs forever. — I give unto my daughter Mary one hundred beds and furniture to her and to her heirs for ever.

Now nominate constitute and appoint my beloved wife Sarah Mace whole and sole executrix to this my last will and Testament and hereby empower her to take full charge of all the rest of my property not here named, as also the children and raise and school them and when she is done with it I give it to be equally divided among all my children — yet so as to give Mary no more than the rest, but bound the bed to her — Signed and Sealed in presence of us.

William Mace.

Owen Stanton.

James Mace *(seal)*

Beaufort County Court March Term 1810. This written paper was exhibited into Court, and by the affirmation of Owen Stanton legally proved to contain the true Last will & Testament of James Mace deceased.

Geo Read Clerk