

Will and Testament according to the tenor
and meaning thereof. hereby revoking and
clearing utterly void all other wills and Te-
staments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set
hand and seal this the Twenty sixth day of
January A.D. one thousand Eight hundred and
fifty-two

Signed, sealed, published
and declared by the above named
Judith Robinson to be her last will
and Testament, in the presence of
us, who at her request and in
her presence have hereunto sub-
scribed our names as witnesses
to the same.

Joseph Robinson

David R. Brooks

State of North Carolina, Court of Pass & Remittances
County of Gaston May Term A.D. 1852

The execution of the foregoing will is
proved in open court by the oath of David
R. Brooks, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto,
who swears that the testatrix, at the time
of the execution of the execution of said will
was of sound and disposing mind and
memory, and that she did it freely without
compulsion. It is ordered that said will

be recorded & Whereupon Benjamin
Robinson, the executor therein named
qualifies as such, and it is ordered
that letters Testamentary issue according
to law.

Jas. Rumley C. C.

In the name of my Creator, Amen
I, Joseph Borden of the County of Gaston &
State of North Carolina, the 30th of 4th mo. 1852 being of
sound and disposing memory and mind, do make and
declare this my last will, and testament in manner and
to the following Viz

Impremis - I give and bequeath unto my
lawful wife Esther Borden the use of my plantation
land now line or that part between Harlow's Creek
and the big bridge Creek or (gut) and with said
Creek and branch to the public road) and all
my household and kitchen furniture with my
farming utensils (during the term of her
natural life) I also give my wife one ninth
part of my moveable estate with one hun-
dred dollars per annum to be paid by my
executors, to her and her heirs.

I give and devise unto my son William
Hull Borden all my land that I bought
of Gabriel Holmes and his wife, with the land
bought of William Lovitt lying both sides of
the blutfoot and Harlow's Creek Canal with
the land I own adjoining and in the undiv-
ided tract with my sister Ann Ward and her child-
ren also one hundred acres on the Mattamuskeet
that part I bought of Thomas Jordan adjoining
Samuel Cartwrights as wide on the back as on
the Lake. To be by him enjoyed during his
natural life without any impeachment of waste
and after the decease of my son William Hull
Borden, I give the same to the children or my
son who may be living at his death and
his heirs forever, and if any of the children
of my said son should die in his life leaving
children such children shall take the share

of said land to which their father or Mother
have been entitled had he or she lived with
ninth part of my moveable estate

I give and devise to my son Benjamin
Borden all my land I bought from
Hunter situated on Whiteoak River and
Hunter's Creek, with all the lands I pur-
chased of Benjamin Oglesby situated
both sides of Cedar Swamp during his
whole life without any impeachment of
and after the decease of my son Benjamin
Borden I give the same to the children
of my son who may be living at his death
to them and their heirs forever and if
of the children of my son should die
during his life, leaving children such children
shall take the share of said land to which
father or mother would have been entitled had
he or she lived, with ^{one ninth of} my moveable estate.

I give and devise to my son David
Borden all my lands situated on Lewis
and the land I bought of the Pines
also the land I purchased of John Page
situated on the east side of Core Creek,
the land I own at the mouth of Black
on Newport River with one hundred
land lying on the south side of Mattamuskeet
Lake (Hyde County) adjoining Holloway and
also the land in said County on the
side of said Lake joining Joseph Swin-
an Donnel; to be by him enjoyed during
his natural life without any impeachment
of waste and after the decease of my
David W. Borden I give the same to the children
of my son who may be living at his death

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children of my said son should die in his
lifetime, leaving children such children shall
take the share of said land to which their
father or mother would have been entitled
had he or she lived, with one ninth of
my moveable estate, by giving up what he
already received of me in common stock.

I give and devise to my son Joseph Borden
land situated and lying between my water
and a place known by the name of Paginette's
running on Newport River running with that
to my mill road and thence to my
side land at the public road to a pine ridge
and with the middle of said pine ridge to the
part of my lands and thence to the
head of Little Creek to the lands lately
owned by William Fisher and with the lines
of said land to Little Creek and down the
side of Newport River including the island
Marsh at the mouth or mud shoals of
and thence with the river to the beginning
including all the land with my mill and
with whatever may belong to her excepting to my
after her life in the two plantations where
Nathaniel and Thomas Boston cultivated
her for her to have the rent her life of the two
plantations, also the land I own on the East
side of Deep Creek, also one hundred and
thirty three acres of land on the North side
of Mattamuskeet Lake that I purchased
of Joseph Hoasters in Hyde County, with
half of a pattern of one hundred acres
joining the lands my father left my sister
at the head of the mill swamp

(so called) also half of all my lands on the West Swamp. To be by him enjoyed during his natural life without any impeachment of waste and after the decease of my son Joseph Borden I give the same to the children of my said son who may be living at his death to them and their heirs forever and if any of the children of my said son should die leaving children, such children shall take the share of said land to which their father or mother would have been intitled to, had he or she lived, with one ninth of my movable estate - I give and devise to my son Thomas Richardson Borden the half of my land on Long Sound that my father left me at the mouth of Goose Creek, beginning at the mouth of a small drain on the Sound on the East side of Higgin's East field running with his fence and thence over a course as will divide the one half of the land I purchased of Abram Sikes, formerly belonging to John Harine, taking that part of the land adjoining Goose Creek, also all that tract of land on the West side of Goose Creek I purchased of Ira Hancock also all my lands lying on the North West branch of Newport River and the place to be by him enjoyed during his natural life without any impeachment of waste, and after the death of my son Thomas R. Borden I give the same to the children of my said son who may be living at his death, to them and their heirs forever, and if any of the children of my said son should die in his lifetime, leaving

children, such children shall take the share of said land to which their father or mother would have been intitled had he or she lived, with one ninth of my movable estate.

I give and devise to my son James W. Borden the Eastern part of the land lying on Long Sound that my father left me, beginning at the drain mentioned to my son Thomas R. Borden, running with Higgin's fence to the back fence, and thence over a course as to take the one half of the land that formerly belonged to John Harine and which was bought from Abram Sikes and including the Western part of said land, with the land I purchased of Col. John H. Hill and his wife, to be all the land I own on the West side of Goose Creek and in the fork of said Creek with one hundred acres of land on the North side of Mattamuske Lake that part of ^{it adjoining} said tract I give to my son William H. Borden, the place where old John Jordan formerly lived. To be by him enjoyed during his life without any impeachment of waste and after the death of my son James W. Borden I give the same to the children of my said son who may be living at his death, and if any of the children of my said son should die in his life leaving children, such children shall take the share of land to which their father or mother would have been intitled had they have lived with one ninth of my movable estate.

I give and devise to my daughter Mary Borden both of my lots in the town of Beaufort, also I leave six thousand dolls of my cash and the debts due me, to be by my executor applied to the purchase of bank stock to that amount in some

safe Bank if it can be had, if not, to keep the same to interest in safe men's hands, and the same to be paid over to her at the age of twenty or soon after she may marry and the said thousand dollars, I do hereby authorize my executor or executors, and for want of such, authorize her Guardian to keep the money in trust, and the interest to be paid her year and no other person but herself and after the death of my daughter Mary Borden I give the same to the children of my said daughter who may be living at her death, to them and their heirs forever and if any of the children of my said son should die in his life leaving children, such children shall take the share of land to which their father or mother would have been entitled had they have lived, with one ninth of my movable estate.

The true meaning of my will is that my wife shall improve the plantation and land I left her, and my son Pennington has no title to that part as long as she lives.

My will further is that my four younger sons and daughter Mary shall be boarded and schooled out of my money or debts due and that my daughter Mary's six thousand dollars be taken out of my money or debts before she shall be a division among my wife, sons and Daughter on the balance.

It is my will that my executors shall pay in the debts due and purchase in Bank for my children under age as soon as can be done.

I leave all my part of Bonaventure Banks to my children to be equally divided among them, and to be under the same regulation of about my other lands described to each one of them.

I leave all my sons and daughters as soon as they may be of age provided they can be secured and not without.

C. Thomas Jr.

I give and devise to my son Pennington the plantation where I live, between the Louis Creek and the Water fenced at Paquins River on Newport River and running with the fence and boundary described to my son Joseph that part next to said Creek and the lands on Fish's Mill pond and joining the lands on the different branches of said pond, with one half of a tract of land of one hundred acres in the Mill Swamp with the half I own in the West Swamp, with the balance of the remainder of the land I own in Hopkinton County on Mattamuskeet Lake (or that part not disposed of in my will before) my will is that the land not before given away in said Bonaventure shall be equally divided between my sons Pennington. To be by my said son Pennington disposed during his natural life without any encumbrance of waste, and after the death of my son Pennington Borden I give the same to the children of my said son who may be living at his death; to them and their heirs forever, and if any of the children of my said son should die in his life leaving children, such children shall take the share of land to which their father or mother would have been entitled had they have lived, with one ninth of my movable estate.

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and date first above written.

In presence of us
Wallace Dickinson
William Brinn

Joseph Borden

Carters County }
March Term 1825 }

Then was the foregoing written paper exhibited into open Court, and duly proved the oath of Wallace Dickinson one of the writing witnesses thereto, and William Borden and Benjamin Borden, two of the executors therein named, qualified as such and letters testamentary ordered to issue.

L. Rumley C. C.
State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Equity
Carters County } Feb'y Term A.D. 1825

It is ordered that by the Court that foregoing will of Joseph Borden do hereunto be recorded by the Clerk of this Court.

Jas. Rumley C. C.

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In the name of God, Amen: I, Marcus C. Thomas of the County of Carters and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing will and memory do, hereby revoking all former wills and testament, make this my last will and Testament: viz,

Item, I devise unto my sons Charles R. Thomas, Marcus C. Thomas Jr., and William A. Thomas, the lot of land No. 25 Old Town with the appurtenance wherein I now live in trust for my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth King Thomas, for the term of her natural life - My will and desire is that my three named sons should have full power of managing and controlling the said lot No. 25 with the appurtenances for the maintenance and care of my said wife.

Item, I devise to my two daughters Rebecca and Sarah the remainder in fee of lot No. 25 Old Town with the appurtenances. I bequeath to my daughter Rebecca one negro girl Rissilla and to my daughter Sarah one negro boy Ben.

Item, I devise to my daughter Elizabeth Ann Thomas two lots in Old Town Nos. 138 & 112 - and one negro man Daniel. I bequeath to her.

Item, I devise to my daughter Mary Two Hundred acres of land - a tract on Bogues Banks and I bequeath to her one negro, Sampson.

Item, I devise to my son Washington Thomas the parcel or tract of land consisting of about fourteen acres which I purchased by deed of bargain & sale from Benj. L. Perry - known as the Floridas, and I bequeath to him one negro boy Charles.

Item, I devise to my son Marcus C. Thomas Jr.