

and date first above written.

In presence of us
Wallace Dickinson
William Brinn

Joseph Borden

Eastport 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 and Equity
Eastport County } Feb'y Term A.D. 1825

It is ordered that by the Court that foregoing will of Joseph Borden do hereafter 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 Eastport 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.

one lot of land No. 34 in New Town - and bequeath to him one fourth of the Schooner as tenants in common with William A. Thomas

Item, I bequeath to my sons William A. Thomas and Marcus C. Thomas and Charles R. Thomas one half of Schooner Rebecca in trust for my son Thomas Thomas

Item, I devise the land my wharf and part of my lot no. 25.

Item, the residue of my estate I devise and will should be applied by my executor in the payment of my debts and the balance of the estate after payment of debts I devise to be equally divided among my wife and children - and I hereby give my executor full power to sell or dispose of the said residue first for the payment of debts and then to apply the several shares of my wife and other children then themselves to the use and use of my family.

Finally, I hereby appoint and constitute my sons Charles R. Thomas, Marcus C. Thomas and William A. Thomas my executors, and my will and desire is that they should be the guardian of my children.

In the year of our Lord, Eighteen hundred and Fifty three, the tenth day of March.

Signed & sealed in presence of
F. C. King
S. S. Nelson

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Carteret County

The execution of the foregoing last will and testament is proved in open Court by the oath of Francis C. King one of the subscribing witnesses

Charles, who swears that the said Marcus C. Thomas, the testator, at the time of executing said will, was of sound and disposing mind and memory; and that he did it freely and without compulsion. It is ordered that said will be recorded. Whereupon Charles R. Thomas, one of the executors therein named, qualifies as such, and it is ordered that letters testamentary issue accordingly.

Then personally appears in open Court William A. Thomas, one of the executors named in said last will and testament, and renounces his office of executor.

Jas. Rumley C. C.

In the name of God Amen I William Taylor dw. of Carteret County and State of North Carolina, Being feeble in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God for the same and being desirous to settle things in order do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows that is to say first and principally, I commend my soul to almighty God and my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in a decent manner as my executors hereafter named shall think proper as touching said worldly estate as the Lord hath lent to me my will and meaning is the same shall be employed and bestowed as hereafter by this my will is expressed first I do revoke renounce and make void