

Item. I give and bequeath the remains of what
to be equally divided among all my Children.

I do appoint my son Lipe Portuago to be the
Executor of this my last Will and Testament
I do revoke and disannul all other Wills formerly
made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal the day and date first
above written.

Signa testis and delivered Sarah ^{to} ~~Richard~~
in the presence of us
Hannah Rayland
J. H. H. H.

State of North Carolina } In the name of God
Chatham County } John Burns Son of the
County and State aforesaid being weak in Body
of Sound mind and memory and calling to mind
the uncertainty of life and certainty of death
hereby constitute this my last Will and Testament
in manner and form following to wit. In the first
place I recommend my soul into the hands of
almighty God who gave it and my body to be
buried in a Christian like manner. Item. I
do give unto my beloved Wife Mary Burns, one
Negro Woman called Betty, one Negro Girl
called Fanny, and one Negro Man called Hagar and
as much of the Hitchen Furniture as my

satisfy her, also one good Heather Bed and Furniture,
and one good Horse and two Cows and Calves, and
at her death the above mentioned property to be equally
divided among her lawful heirs Item. I give unto my
Grandson John Tomlinson, one Negro Boy called
Lute, and also Fifty Dollars to buy him a Horse.
Item. I give unto my Daughter Nancy Tomlinson and her
husband Mr. and John Tomlinson, the north part of my
estate that is not yet disposed of to be equally divided
the one half and they the other half. In the next place I wish
and desire for my Lands to be sold on a credit of Six years
and all the other remaining part of my property to be sold
on a credit of six months. I also leave my son in law
William Peter Forty Shillings and the other moneys
arising from the above mentioned sale of my Lands and
other property to be equally divided among my other
lawful heirs namely William, James, Thomas and John
Burns - Snapher Madglin, Polly Weaver, John Bryan
and the lawful heirs of Elizabeth Peter and the former
Wife of William Peter and if any one or more of them
of the above heirs of the above mentioned Elizabeth Peter
die should die before the division of my property should
take place the surviving of them to have the same part
equally divided between them at the discretion of
my executors. My desire in the next place is that
my Negroes that remain that is not already disposed of
to be laid off in lots and drawn for and my too

27 I leave sons William and John Tomlinson, to life
under the care of my executors till they are twenty years
of age. — My Will in the next place is, that my four
sons, William, James, Thomas and John, Burns, be and
I do appoint them executors to this my last Will and
Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this 22nd day of March in the year
of our Lord Anno Domini 1811.

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of
John Ryan
Deborah Chapman

his
John Burns (L.S.)
mark

In the name of God amen. I Thomas Brooks
of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina
being in a reasonable State of health and of a sober and
disposing mind and memory. Thanks be to God for the
same, Calling to mind the mortality of the human family
do make this my last Will and Testament, that is to say
my body to be decently buried in the earth and my
soul again into the hands of God that gave it —
I am. It is my desire that all my Just debts shall be
paid by executors hereafter named. Secondly, I leave unto
my beloved Wife Martha Brooks during her life or
widowhood the hundred acres of Land whereon I now
live, so as to include my mansion and other out houses
to be layed off as she may choose and that she may
receive as much Corn and Flower from the mill
of truly needed as may be sufficient for her and what
family may remain with her. Also one Negro