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Chatham County May 2nd Sep 1844
This certifies that the foregoing last will & Testament of
Phenike Morgan dec^d was proved in Open Court by the
oaths of J. H. Dismont, the subscribing witnesses &
ordered to be recorded whereupon Lucian Burnett
the Clerk thereon named appeared in open Court
Sworn duly qualified Teste M. C. Norman C. C. C.

I John Fox of the County of Chatham and State of North
Carolina being of sound mind & memory but considering
the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & declare
this my last will & Testament, in manner & form following
1st That my Executor hereafter to be named shall provide
for my body (also for that of my wife after her decease)
& decent burial sentath to the wishes of Relations & friends
& pay all funeral expenses together with all my just
debts, however & to whomsoever owing out of the money
that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel
of my Estate - Item 1st I give & bequeath unto my beloved
wife Mary Magdaline all my lands on the North side of
Rocky River whereon I now live including my Mansion
House and other outhouses & improvements to have &
to hold to her the said Mary Magdaline for and during the
term of her natural life in satisfaction for & in lieu of
her dower and thirds of and all my real Estate, I also
give & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Magdaline
her choice of all my personal property for her use during
her natural life I also do give & bequeath to my
only negress man Isreal (commonly called Red Hill) for her
use during her natural life, I also give & bequeath to
my beloved wife the sum of Two Hundred Dollars in all
per to be paid to her when she calls for it.

Item 2nd I give & bequeath to my youngest son Solomon
all the tract of land divided in the first item of
this will except the life right of my wife devised in
said first item to have & to hold the same to himself
his heirs and assigns forever - I also give & bequeath to
my said son Solomon our negress boy named Abner now
about ten year old to have & to hold to him his heirs
and assigns forever. I also give my son aforesaid
our feather Bed and furniture, I give the before
mentioned land negress & bed to my son in consideration
of his having taken and is to continue to take good care