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Chatham County May Session 1824
This certifies that the foregoing last will & Testament of
Phineas Morgan dec^d was proved in Open Court by the
oath of J. H. Sisk, the subscribing witness & stands
ordered to be recorded whereupon Lucian Burnett
the Clerk thereon named appeared in open Court
sworn duly qualified Wm. M. Stearns 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 suitable to the wishes of Relations & friends
& pay all funeral expenses together with all my just
debts, howsoever & to whomsoever owing out of the money
that may first come into their hands as a part or parts
of my Estate - Item 1st I give & bequeath unto my beloved
wife Mary (Magdalen) all my lands on the North side of
Rock River whereon I now live including my Mansion
House and other outhouses & improvements to have &
to hold to her the said Mary (Magdalen) for and during the
term of her natural life in satisfaction for & in lieu of
her dower and third of and all my real Estate, I also
give & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary (Magdalen)
her choice of all my personal property for her use & during
her natural life I also do give & bequeath to my
only negress woman Looal (commonly called Ned 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 described 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 one negro boy named Abner now
about ten years old to have & to hold to him his heirs
and assigns forever I also give my son aforesaid
one feather Bed and furniture, I give the before
mentioned land negro & bed to my son in consideration
of his having taken and is to continue to take good care

of me and my wife during our lifetime: Item 3rd
I give & bequeath to my son Solomon the sum of One Hun-
dred and Seventy five Dollars and to my son Jacob the
sum of One Hundred and Eighty Dollars to make them equal
in value of land that I have deeded to my other sons here-
before, that is, I give them the said sums above mentioned
to make the land I have deeded to them with said sums
equal in value to the land I had given my other sons;

Item 4th It is my will & desire that the distributive share of
my Estate going to Polly Rightman be paid to her or her
heirs by my Executors as she or they may stand in need of it.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret
one milch cow more than the rest of my daughters in
consideration of her staying and helping in my family.
It is my will & desire that after the beforesaid property
of money that is devised is taken out of my Estate that the
residue of my Estate of whatever nature be equally
distributed amongst all my children as if named.

Item 6th It is my will & desire that the personal property
that my wife may make choice of for her own use after
her decease be sold and divided equally among my
children as if named. Polly Rightman share to be paid
out by my Executors as aforesaid and lastly I do hereby
constitute and appoint my sons George & Solomon Fox
my lawful Executors to execute this my last will & then
I return to the true intent & meaning of the same in every
part and clause thereof. In witness whereof I the said John
Fox have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day
of April in the year of Lord 1842.

Signed sealed & published & delivered
to be his last will & testament in presence of John Fox seal
at his request in his presence do subscribe
under our names as witnesses thereto

Robert Woody
Wiley Jones

Charlham County August Sepm 1844

This certifies that the foregoing last will
Testament of John Fox dec^d was proved
in open Court by the oath of Robert.