

99 In the name of God amen. I Joseph May
of Chatham County and State of North Carolina being
of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my
last Will and Testament, reaching all other Wills. This twenty
seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and seven. First I recommend
my soul to almighty God and body to be decently buried
hoping through the mercy of God and the merits of Christ
for a blessed resurrection, For as what worldly goods it
hath pleased God to bestow on me I give & bequeath in
the following manner.

Item. To my daughter Polly Brantly I give one Negro
man named Pata. Item. To my daughter Calcy Rogers
I give one Negro Boy called Joshua. Item. To my daughter
Nelly Harmon I give one Negro Boy called Ned.
Item. To my daughter Nancy May I give one Negro
girl called Sally. One Horse saddle and Bridle one Bed
Furniture, one Cow & half and two hundred Dollars in Cash.
Item. To my son Vincent May I give one Negro called Peter
one Bed Furniture, also one Tract of Land called the Bottom
Tract and two hundred Acres taken from the West end
of the Tract where I now live but not to have possession
of the said Land of the two hundred Acres until the
death of my Wife. Item. To my son Joseph May I give
one Negro Boy called Simon, one Bed Furniture, also the
remaining part of my Land & will but not to be posses-
sion of the said Land and will during the life or mar-
riage of my beloved Wife.

Item. To my daughter Jerry May I give one Negro girl
called Peggy, one Horse & saddle one Bed Furniture

one Cow and half & one hundred Dollars in Cash. 100
Item. To my daughter Elizabeth May I give one Negro girl
called Anika, one Horse & saddle, one Cow & half one
one Bed Furniture & one hundred Dollars in Cash.
Item. To my daughter Lemy May I give one Negro girl
called Mitty one Horse & saddle, one Cow & half one
Bed Furniture also one hundred Dollars in Cash.
Item. To my daughter Michael May I give one Negro girl
called Lelia, one Horse & saddle, one Cow & half one Bed
& Furniture and one hundred Dollars in Cash.
Item. To my daughter Fiddeth May I give one Negro girl
called Lelia, one Horse & saddle, one Cow & half one Bed
& Furniture and one hundred Dollars in Cash.
My will is that if any one of the above mentioned Negroes
should die before the Child come of age to receive it that
they shall have another Negro of the same value or money
to the value of said Negro to be raised out of my estate.
My Will and desire that all the property given to my
Children that are under age shall remain with my
beloved Wife until they become of lawful age or marry.
My desire is that my son Joseph May have my Black
Smiths Tools. — To my beloved Wife Lemy May
I leave all the remaining part of my property or estate
which is not especially mentioned in the Will, with my
dwelling house plantation and mill to her sole use
during her life or widowhood to raise my young Children
or to school them. My Will & desire is that at the death
of my beloved Wife or end of her widowhood that as
much of the property left to her may be sold as will

Two hundred dollars left to my six aforementioned daughters
that is to say the Two hundred dollars left to Mary May
and the one hundred a piece left to Henry Elizabeth Lucy
Abraham & Sarah May. And the balance of my estate be
equally divided among all my Children.

In case my beloved Wife should die before my youngest
Children become of age or marry, that the property left
to her shall remain in the hands of my son Joseph
May until they shall come of age or marry, to raise
and support them on. And that the executors of this my
last Will and Testament may sell as much of my prop-
erty not particularly mentioned above as they may deem
necessary to pay my debts & funeral Charges &c.

I appoint my beloved Wife Lucy my executrix and
my sons Vincent May & Joseph May executors of
this my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof
I Joseph May have set my hand & affixed my seal
the day & date above written.

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of us

Joseph May
his mark

Witness
Lucy

John Hurley

Thomas Biale Junr

Witness Henry Spence 1808
by Thomas Biale Junr

In the name of God amen. I William
McEacham Junr of Chatham County and State of North
Carolina planter being of sound mind and memory
thanks be given unto God for he same calling to mind
the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed
for man once to die do make & ordain this my last
Will and Testament. that is to say principally I first of