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 James Murray <sup>his</sup> Seal

State of N<sup>c</sup> Carolina } October Term 1797.  
Duplin County }  
Then was the within will exhibited into Court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of John Thigpen and Stephen Hancock the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at the same time John Thigpen and John Farnior the Executors named in the said will came before the Court and qualified as Executors thereto according to law. And that letters issue accordingly.  
Test. W<sup>m</sup> Dickson C.C.

In the name of God Amen. I Abraham Mollen of the State of North Carolina and county of Duplin, being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory blessed be God, do this twenty third day of November in the ninth year of the American Independance and in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and Eighty four make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Sarah Mollen do remain in quite and peaceable possession of the one third of my lands on Stewart's creek and back branch, which I purchased from Felix Kuman, James Kuman and Joseph Williams. So as to include the house and plantation on the South west side of back branch where I now live during her natural life. 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my son John Mollen that part of my lands on Stewart's creek. Beginning running out with Thomas Johnston's line to his upper back corner, and from thence a due west to the back line of my land, and thence northward between the S<sup>t</sup> back line and the creek as far as my land runs to him and his heirs forever. 3<sup>d</sup> I will and ordain that my son Michael Mollen have a certain tract of

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 Test John Thigpen Stephen <sup>his</sup> Hancock  
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State of N<sup>c</sup> Carolina } October Term 1797.  
 Duplin County  
 Then was the within will Exhibited into Court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of Job Thigpen and Stephen Hancock the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at the same time Job Thigpen and John Farnior the Executors named in the said will came before the court and qualified as Executors thereto according to law. Ordered that letters issue accordingly.  
 Test W<sup>m</sup> Dickson C.C.

In the name of God Amen. I Abraham Mollen of the State of North Carolina and county of Duplin, being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory blessed be God, do this twenty third day of November in the ninth year of the American Independence and in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and Eighty four make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Sarah Mollen do remain in quite and peaceable possession of the one third of my lands on Stewarts creek and back branch, which I purchased from Felix Kuman, James Kuman and Joseph Williams. So as to include the house and plantation on the South west side of back branch where I now live during her natural life. 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my son John Mollen that part of my land on Stewarts creek. Being running out with Thomas Johnston line to his upper back corner, and from thence a due west to the back line of my land, and thence north ward between the 1<sup>st</sup> back line and the creek as far as my land runs to him and his heirs forever. — 3<sup>d</sup> I will and ordain, that my son Michael Mollen have a certain tract of

land which I patented of two hundred acres joining  
Gleason's land and my own to the South west of  
my plantation to him and his heirs forever. —

4<sup>th</sup> I will and ordain that the remainder of my  
land be equally divided in quantity and quantity  
to the discretion of my Executors so as to possess my  
son Michael Mottin of the plantation and buildings  
west of Back Branch and the upper half of the  
plantation East of S<sup>d</sup> Branch, to him and his heirs  
forever: and the remainder of the aforesaid divide  
to be my son Abraham Mottin and his heirs  
forever.

5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son John  
Mottin our negro boy called Ben to him and  
his heirs forever. 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my  
son Abraham Mottin our negro boy named Ishmael  
our negro boy named Jupiter, and our negro boy named  
Pompey, our good feather bed and furniture and our  
horse called Drivin to him and his heirs forever.

7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son Michael Mottin  
our negro named Harry, our negro boy named Cesar  
and our negro girl named Chloe with her increase.  
Before and after my said wife's death our good  
feather bed and furniture, our young horse named  
Nathan and our other horse called Spider to him  
and his heirs forever. —

8<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath  
to my daughter Patience Mottin our negro boy  
named Jack our negro girl named Viry with her  
increase and our negro woman named Sally with  
her increase and our good bed and furniture and  
our mare called Juliet to her and her heirs forever. —

9<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my grandson Abraham  
Hall twenty pounds specie to be applied by my  
Executors for his schooling. 10<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath  
to my grandson Mottin Dickson twenty pounds  
specie to be applied by my Executors for his  
schooling. —

11<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my grand  
son James Hill our negro boy named Peter to  
him and his heirs forever. 12<sup>th</sup> I give and

bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth our negro  
girl named Rachael to her and her heirs forever.

13<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath my son-in-law William  
Hall five shillings sterling. 14<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath  
to my son in law Joseph Dickson five  
shillings sterling. 15<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath my  
son-in-law Jesse Dracock five shillings sterling.

16<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath my beloved wife Sarah  
Mottin my negro man Ishmael my negro woman  
Pam with her increase to her only use to be  
disposed of as she may judge proper — also my negro  
girl Chloe I will to her during her natural life  
and then to be the property of my son Michael  
Mottin. 17<sup>th</sup> I will and ordain that all my just  
debts and funeral charges and other legacies that I  
have mentioned in this will be paid out of my estate  
not already willed. At the discretion of my Executors. —

18<sup>th</sup> I will and ordain that the remainder of my  
estate not already willed consisting of horses, cattle,  
hogs, household furniture, plantation tools and  
kitchen utensils be wholly and entirely the property  
of my wife Sarah Mottin to be used and disposed  
of as she may judge most proper. 19<sup>th</sup> Lastly, I  
have my beloved wife Sarah Mottin executrix and  
my trusty and worthy friends James Kuman and  
Joseph Dickson Executors to this my last will and  
testament — In witness whereof the S<sup>d</sup> Abraham  
Mottin the Testator hath hereunto set his hand and  
seal the date above written. — Signed sealed  
published and declared by Abraham Mottin the testator  
in the presence of us who were present at the time  
of sealing and publishing the same. Jonathan Thomas  
Mary <sup>his</sup> <sub>mother</sub> Giver, Sally Thomas.

Abraham Mottin Seal

State of N<sup>c</sup> Carolina } January Term 1796.  
Duplin County. }

Then was the within will proved in open court by  
the oath of Jonathan Thomas one of the subscribing

witnesses to the said will. and at the same time a Codicil to the will of the said Abraham Maltin deceased dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 1784. was proved in open court by the oath of Thomas Johnston and John Johnston two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. — and at the same time Joseph Dickson one of the Executors named in the said will came before the court and qualified according to law. Ordered that letters issue accordingly.

Test. W. Dickson C. C.

State N<sup>c</sup> Carolina } A codicil to the within Will.  
Duplin County }

Whereas I omitted in the within will to mention anything respecting a certain piece or parcel of land on the N<sup>c</sup> E. side of Swarts Creek which I purchased from John Robinson Late of Wilmington and. — I do now by these presents will and ordain that my son John Maltin who is in possession of the said Land have all my right title Interest Claim and Demand of in and to the said piece or parcel of Land containing by Estimation. — one hundred and five acres be the same more or Less, to him and his heirs forever. I also will and ordain that should either of my sons Abraham Maltin or Michael Maltin die before the be of age that the surviving brother be heir to the said part of the Land. Witness my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> of November 1784. Signed and Delivered in presence of Kedar Bryan, Thomas<sup>Jun</sup> Johnston, John Johnston, Abraham Maltin Last Will.)

Abraham Maltin Seal

In the Name of God Amen I John Maltin of the County of Duplin and Province of North Carolina being weak of Body but of sound mind and memory Praise be there for giving to almighty God for the same to make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. In manner as follows.

That is to say first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it hoping through the merits of my savior Jesus Christ to have full and free Pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life. And my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and as touching the disposition of all such Temporal Estate it hath Pleas God to bestow upon me, I give and discharge thereof as followeth. — First I will that my debts and Liabilities charged shall be paid and discharged. Item, it is my desire that the following Negroes to wit. Caesar, Tom, Nan, Sarina, Doll and Dary. — and all their issue if any to remain with my beloved wife Mary during her widowhood to raise the children upon, and after her Entombrance to be Equally divided among beloved daughters Annis, Sarah, Bessy, Mary, Sussey, and Betty. Excepting our equal share of said Negroes to remain with my loving wife Mary, during her natural life and after death then to be Equally divided among 8<sup>d</sup> Children. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son John and James all the Lands Below the Spring Branch joining M<sup>rs</sup> Hills Land to be Equally divided between by men of their own choosing. Item I give and bequeath to my beloved sons, Aaron and Maria all the Lands about the Spring Branch and up the Great Branch bounding on Hill Land including the plantation where I now live to be Equally divided between them by men of their own choosing. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved sons William, John, James, Aaron, and Maria our Negro boy named Viner and his issue if any to be Equally divided among them when Maria come to the age of twelve years old — and all the house and manse if any there should be, to be also Equally divided among my sons. — Item I give and bequeath among me