

In the Name of God Amen.

I John Thompson of Newbern County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of Body, but of sound Perfect Mind Memory thanks to God for the same, and calling to mind the Mortallity of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make Ordinance constitute and appoint. This to be my last will and testament that is to say First of all I recommend my soul to God that gave it me and my Body to be decently Burial at the discretion of my Executor nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection, I shall receive the same gain by the Mighty power of God. And Calling to mind the Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to reward me in this life, do bequeath the same in the following manner that is to say —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Cousin Lewis Morris one thousand Acres of Land including the Plantation wheron I now live.

I here will give unto Elizabeth Moore four hundred and twenty five Acre of land including a certain Plantation wheron Rish Remale now lies also a certain Brownie Horse known by the Name of Leopan —

Item I give unto my Cousin Joseph Moon my Riding Mow — also give unto my Cousin James Moon a certain Negro Wench named Senus

And all the rest of my Property both real and personal that I possess, to be especially divided between my legatees so far mentioned

And I hereby ordain my worthy Friends Henry Tolent and David Dadd Esq to this my last will and Testament be witness whereof I the said John Thompson have set this my last Will and Testament by my hand and seal this third day of May, 1786.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Thompson as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing — John Thompson, John Tolent, Henry Tolent, William Thompson, Jacob Thompson

William Thompson  
Jacob Thompson

State of North Carolina, July 2nd 1786.

(Duplie County.) This was the will pronounced open and read in Court by the party of James Moon and James Thompson two of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and after sometime James the said David Dadd one of the Executors named in the said Will came before the Court and sealed it as such according to law orders that were then accordingly

Test, Wm. Thompson & Co.

In the Name of God Amen.

I Catharine Taylor of the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina widow being of sound mind and perfect mind and memory blessed by God, but Call my to mind the uncertainty of man and being desirous to settle my affairs I do make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament

First I Commit my soul to God who gave it me and my body to the dust to be decently Burial at the discretion of my Executors hereafter to be named, as for my worldly Goods I dispose of them as follows

Item I give and bequeath to my two Grand Sons William Rhodes and Taylor Rhodes each of them a feather Bed bedstead and Furniture, two long & Peter dishes and four Short Basins to be equally divided between them as may be without selling any of my Riding beast two iron pots and a frying pan

Item I Give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Catherine Barfield one large Teacher bed Bedstead and furniture, as Roger with what it contains a table and chest, one small Butter dish and two large Basins and also all the utensil and remainder of my property of every kind not especially above mentioned

And I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friends John Rhodes and Mrs Barfield to execute this my last Will and Testament and do hereby vest them with full power to pay all my lawful and just debts and to see that my legatees be disposed of Accordingly and I hereby revoke and disown all former or other Wills and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament be witness

Whereas I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1800.

Signed Sealed published &宣傳  
and declared by the said  
Catherine Taylors her last  
Will And Testament in presence  
& of Joseph Oliver  
Jas<sup>t</sup> Oliver.  
State of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina July Term 1801.

There was she within Will proved in  
open Court by the oath of Joseph Oliver one of the  
Subscribing Witnesses thereto, and at the same time  
John Rhode and James Darfield the Executors named  
in the Said Will came before the Court and qualified  
as Executors thereto according to law.

Ordered that letters ipsius accordingly.

Test Wm Dickson L.C.

In the Name of God Amen

I Edward Homes of Newbern County and Province of North  
Carolina being low and weak in Body but of perfect Mind and  
Memory Calling to mind the Mortality of man having a  
Mind to settle my Temporal affairs in the manner and form  
following that is to say I give and Bequeath to my daughter  
Mary one Negroe Woman named Sarah  
Item I give to my Son John one Negroe Boy named Charles  
and one Negroe Boy named Hall  
Item I give to my daughter Dorothy one Negroe girl named  
Nancy and one Negroe girl named Jean  
Item I likewise give to each of my said Children a feather Bed  
and that the remainder part of my Estate be equally divided  
among my Children and that my beloved Brother  
Gabriel Barnes be surely appointed my lawful Executor  
and I do hereby declare this to be my last Will and  
Testament as witness my hand and seal this Eleventh Day of  
January and in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven  
hundred and Sixty one let no man intercede before

assigned

Edward Homes <sup>test</sup>  
Signed & Sealed Published and  
Declared in presence of  
James Colan  
William Magor  
James Moore.

Registered in the Register Office in Newbern County  
on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1781.

by me John Dickson Reg C

In the Name of God Amen

I also Thomas of the County of Newbern and State North  
Carolina Being in a low State of bodily Health having perfect  
Mind and Memory and calling to mind that it is appointed for  
Mankind once to die I therefore make and declare this to be  
my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows  
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First and first I bequeath my Soul to the hand of Almighty  
God who gave it relying on Jesus Christ for Resuscitation  
My body I leave my Lady I commit the Earth from whence  
it came to everyone in a Christian like manner of the cheerfulness  
of my surviving friends &c

Item In Consideration of Bringing up Breeding and Educating  
my children & giving and bequeath to my beloved wife Leah  
Thomas all my horses and plantations tools household and  
Kitchen furniture not other ways than after depositing  
during her Natural life I also leave her all and the rest  
of my Negroe Phillis Mac and and also during her  
life and my desire is if said Negroe Marsh does not  
return as becometh a faithful Servant that he be freed and  
Item I leave the rest of all my lands and plantation wherow  
I now live to my beloved wife during her Natural  
life for her ease & my children support

Item I give and bequeath to my Son William Thomas my Negroe boy  
Bob to him his heirs &c breeding his labor only to his  
Mother for her ease of the family until my said son comes  
to the age of twenty one years.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son James Homes and