

In witness where of I have here unto set my hand + seal
 this the first day of May One thousand Eight hundred + two
 signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said
 Robert Byrd as his last will and testament in his presence and
 in the presence of each other have hereto subscribed our names
 Alex^r Mc Millon Daniel Parker Pate Parker Robert ^{his} Byrd ^{seal}
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State of North Carolina
 Duplin County

November Term 1828

There was the within will now proved in open Court in due form
 of the Law by the oath of John M. Casner and at the same time
 David Sloan the Exor qualified as such order that letters in-
 test James Pearson Clerk of the Court in the name of God Amen I Jacob
 Byrd of the County of Duplin State of North Carolina being sick
 of body but of sound mind + memory therefore be to God for the
 same And calling mortally to mind and knowing it is appointed for
 all men to die I do hereby make and declare this my last will
 and testament disavowing all other wills by me made or
 published in manner + form following to wit First I
 wish all my just debts and funeral expenses paid out of my
 estate at the direction of my Exor whom I shall here after
 nominate + appoint. And first I give and bequeath to my beloved
 wife Mary all my land on the south side of Island Creek that
 runs between or is sold + confined to the plantation and all on
 this side of the creek the bowl place + John Allen place
 bounded by the creek during her natural life + also the crop on the
 land and stock of all kind with all my horses and all the
 plantations tools house hold and kitchen furniture except what
 so should be drunk empty by my Exor to be sold to defray
 expenses and for the schooling + raising my small children and
 at the decease of my wife Mary the above sd lands to descend
 to my son William with my son Allen place which would
 to sd Williams Andeately at my decease + also one bed and fur-
 niture to her sd Mary to dispose of at her decease as she
 pleases + also my negro Luff + his three children Isaac
 John + baby and also Chancy at my mother's death and at my wife
 Mary's decease all the remaining part of the above sd personal
 property and all the above sd negroes to be equally divided

amongst my children except baby to descend to my son Next I give unto my son David all my lands on the north side of Island Creek except my Levin Allen place already given to William, also one negro girl name Linda Mariah Also one bed + furniture now in his possession at his grandmother at his decease and the stock of all kinds horses hence hold + kitchen furniture now in his possession at his grandmother at his decease. Next I give unto my daughter Mary one bed + furniture now in her possession also I give unto the natural heirs of my daughter Mary body one negro girl Molley now in possession of my daughter Mary - Next I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth one negro girl name Hefry Jane at the decease of her grandmother decease also one bed and furniture when she departs the family Next I give and bequeath to my daughter Ester one negro girl name Charity also one bed and furniture when she departs the family. Next I give and bequeath to my daughter Anne or Honey one negro boy name Stephen Gilbert and also one bed and furniture when she departs the family - Next I give and bequeath to my daughter Catharine some one negro girl name Kitty Ann and also one bed + furniture when she departs the family - I furthermore give one negro boy name Jany also one bed and furniture when he departs the family. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Dismah one one bed and furniture when she departs the family and also one if any of the wenches now left in the life of the widow should have any child for him + if not then the above son Susan - comes to down - one of the above mentioned negroes left in the life of the widow to wit John and the balance to be divided as above mentioned. Last of all I nominate and appoint my friend David Sloan (Moss) my whole sole Exr + Vest him with full power + authority to this my last will + Testament to execute above mention in witness whereof I here unto set my hand and seal affixed this September 1st A.D. 1828 Signed Sealed + delivered in presence of us, John M. Gamme Margaret her Present Mark

State of North Carolina
Duplin County }

October Term 1783

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There was the within will exhibited into court and proved in due form of law by the oath of William Odum + John Burk