

Executor to this my last will and Testament signed sealed, published, and Declared by the sd James Middleton to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the signing publishing and delivering thereof, this 4th day of September Anno Domini 1801. Joseph Gillispie, Peter Fredrick Joseph Dickson.

James Middleton (Seal)

State of North Carolina }
Duplin County } Proved and Record. July Term
1805. and Executor Qualified.
Test W^m Dickson C.C.

In the name of God Amen the twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord 1761. I James Motton being very sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory, Thanks be given unto God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all people once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my Body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following Viz: I then first I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Scott one Spin mottion and ten shillings proclination money. I then I give and bequeath to my son Jonathan Carr twenty shillings proclination money. I then I give and bequeath to my Daughter Margaret four our Iron pot rack, one Brown haskel. I then I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Fanny four twenty shillings

Proclination money. I then I give and bequeath to my Daughter Minny Carr one feather bed and furniture, two Cows and colons, two sons and five shotes that I bought of Cannon Cason, one fowle dish, two pinter plates and one pinter mullins beson one Lining wheel and my saddle and my Executors to get it New Corns. I then I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Carr whom I likewise constitute make and ordain my sole executor of this my Last will and Testament all and singular my Land Messuages and Testaments by him freely to be possessed and enjoyed and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannull all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies and bequests and Executors by me in any ways before named willed and bequeathed. Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and year above written. Signed Sealed, published, pronounced and Declared by the said James Motton as his Last will and Testament in presence of Samuel Webster, Joshua Chesnut, Martha ^{his} _{mark} Chesnut.

James ^{his} _{mark} Motton (Seal)

In the name of God Amen. I John Motton of the State of North Carolina and County of Duplin being sick and weak in body, but sound in mind and memory. Calling to mind the uncertainty of Human Life & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following Viz: First I recommend my soul to God that gave it me and my body to have decent and Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors hereafter to be named. 2^d I give and bequeath to my Father Abraham Motton my suit of black cloathes - and my silver Tea spoons to be equally divided between my

Daughters Mary Maltin and Sarah Maltin to them and their heirs forever. 3rd It is my will and desire that the apparel and Cloathing of Every Negro or kind which did belong to my Deceased Wife be Equally Divided Between my Daughters Mary Maltin and Sarah Maltin. 4th I will and ordain that the Feather Bed that I used to Lie upon known and called by the Family my bed, together with its furniture complet including the Bedstead and cover be and remain unsold and kept for the use of my three Daughters Sarah, Elizabeth, and Catharine so long as they live single under Lawfull age. 5th I will and ordain that my Negro Woman slave named Celah known and called in the family old Celah be and remain unsold or hired and that she remain with my daughter Sarah Elizabeth and Catharine for their use and benefit to nurse, wash, Spin, wait upon and do all and everything necessary for the support and maintenance of my said 3^d children &c. 6th I will and desire that the Buckels and the Rings that lately was my wifes, Sugar Tonge and the Trunk that my wife usually kept her cloaths in be distributed amongst my Children by my Executors and the Aunts of the said Children in such manner as to the said Aunts may appear most just and Equitable. 7th I will and ordain that my said Executors do sell at six or twelve months credit as to them may appear best for the advantage of my heirs and Creditors all my stock of Horses, Cattle and Hogs, plantation tools House hold Furniture and kitchen Utensils of every nature or kind and the money arising from from such sale together with the money due to me from Thomas Johnston and all other monies due to me from any other person or persons whatsoever by bond, note, account, or otherwise be applied by my Executors to the discharging of my just Debts and the surplus if any to Equally divided amongst my children as they marry or arrive at the age of twenty one years. 8th I further will and

ordain that should the monies arising from such sales Notes, Bonds, and accounts be found sufficient to discharge all my just Debts that they proceed to sell a certain negro man slave named Caesar and should that be found insufficient that they my said Executors do further proceed and sell other Negro property such as to them may appear can be best shared from my children untill the whole of my just Debts be all paid. 9th I will and ordain that after all my just debts are paid the Negroes that then Remain of my Estate unsold be hired out by my Executors yearly to the best advantage untill some of my children arrive at twenty one years of age or marry and the monies arising from such hire to be applied by my Executors in schooling and Cloathing my said Children as to them shall appear most just and necessary. 10th I will and ordain that as my children marry or arrive at Lawfull age that my Negro Estate be at that time always valued and the eldest Child or Married child to have their Negro share out of the eldest Negro and so to continue untill the Last of the said children marry or come of Lawfull age. 11th I will and ordain that a certain Negro man slave named Ben which is my property at my fathers Decease be Equally divided amongst the whole of my Children according as the other Negroes are divided to be as near as may be as soon as they my said heirs are Lawfully Possessed of him. 12th I do by these presents authorize and Empower my said Executors or any two of them to assign and make over to Thomas Johnston or his or heirs for all such lands as I have sold to him in as full ample and Lawfull a manner as tho I had assigned, there my self and fulfill all other contracts by me made in the same manner as I myself might or could have done. 13th I constitute appoint my worthy Friend John James Esq. of Newham County Joseph Dickson Esq.

Daughters Mary Maltin and Sarah Maltin to them and their heirs forever. 3^d It is my will and desire that the apparel and Cloathing of Every Negro or kind which did belong to my deceased wife be Equally divided between my Daughter Mary Maltin and Sarah Maltin. 4th I will and ordain that the Feather Bed that I used to lie upon brown and called by the Family my bed, together with its furniture compleat including the Bedstead and cord be and remain unsold and kept for the use of my three Daughters Sarah, Elizabeth, and Catharine so long as they live single under Lawfull age. 5th I will and ordain that my Negro Woman slave named Celah known and called in the family old Celah be and remain unsold or hired and that she remain with my daughter Sarah Elizabeth and Catharine for their use and benefit to nurse, wash, Spin, wait upon and do all and everything necessary for the support and maintenance of my said 3^d children &c. 6th I will and desire that the Buckles and the Quign that lately was my wife, Sugar Tonge and the Trunkes that my wife usually kept her cloaths in be distributed amongst my Children by my Executors and the Aunt of the said Children in such manner as to the said Aunt may appear most just and Equitable. 7th I will and ordain that my said Executors do sell at six or twelve months credit as to them may appear best for the advantage of my heirs and Creditors all my stock of Horses Cattle and Hogs, plantation tools House hold Furniture and kitchen Stinels of every nature or kind and the money arising from from such sale. Together with the money due to me from Thomas Johnston and all other monies due to me from any other person or persons whatsoever by bond, note, account, or otherwise be applied by my Executors to the discharging of my just Debts and the surplus if any to Equally divided amongst my children as they marry or arrive at the age of twenty one years. 8th I further will and

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W^m Thomas James and my brother Michael Maltew of Duplin County Executors to this my Last will and Testament hereby Revoking all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made and published in witness whereof I the said John Maltew have hereunto set my hand and seal at Duplin this twenty third day of May Anno Domini 1790. Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said John Maltew to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us: Nedar Bryan Rigdon Bryan, James Dickson, Ann Bryan.

John Maltew (Seal)

State of N^c Carolina } July Term 1790.

Duplin County

The within will was duly proved in due form of law by the oath of Nedar Bryan and Rigdon Bryan two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and at the same time the Executors named in the said will did each of them qualify as Executors to the said will. And that letters issue accordingly.

Test W. Dickson C. C.

The 3rd of February one Thousand seven Hundred and seventy five. In the name of God Amen I John Mercer of the County of Duplin and province of North Carolina planter being sick and weak in body but in perfect sense and memory thanks be given unto God calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I recommend my soul to almighty God that gave it and my body to be buried in decent christian burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner

and form. First of all it is my desire that as much of my movable Estate be sold as I shall discharge my debts. Also I lend unto my well Beloved wife Rachel Mercer the use of my manse plantation during her life or widow hood and then to be my son Absalom Mercer all above the Indian run further more I give unto my wife Rachel Mercer my stock and house hold goods of all kinds only such as I shall reserve hereafter. Also I give and bequeath to my son William Mercer all my Land on horse branch, with all the cattle and hogs in two marsh. Likewise I give and bequeath to my son Joshua Mercer all my Land below the Indian run to his disposal. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Mercer five cows and calves to be paid out of my stock to her use and disposal. Also I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Nancy Brooks to the value of five cows and calves. Likewise I give and bequeath to my daughter Liberty Mercer one son and five further I give and bequeath to my son Joshua Mercer fifty pounds good money to be paid to him at the years of twenty one. Also it is my desire that my two Sons Absalom and Joshua Mercer be brought up in a Christian manner Likewise it is my desire that what remains after raising my children to be equally divided between my wife Rachel Mercer and my two youngest sons Absalom and Joshua Mercer when they come of age and I do hereby utterly Disallow Reprove and disannul all and every other former will by me in any wise before named Ratifying and confirming this and to be my last will and testament. I also nominate and appoint my wife Rachel Mercer, George Smith and William Mercer my sons to be my Executors of this my last will and testament. Signed & Sealed. In presence of us: George Smith Junior, John ^{his} ^{mark} ~~W. Mercer~~ ^{W. Mercer} (Seal)