

yearlings and to her and her heirs forever. Item I give to my well beloved daughter Delah Byrd the first child that any negro woman Pot shall have & shall live to be ten years old after delivery of mother carry & colors to her and her heirs forever. Item I give to my well beloved Catherina Byrd one negro woman name Pot and all the remaining part of my estate that is not yet mentioned excepting my — and household goods and my other negroes that is not yet mentioned and those to be equally divided between my four children and I likewise constitute and make and ordain Michael King and Edward Bird my only and sole Execs of this my last will and testament and I do hereby entirely disannul revoke and disallow every other and former testament wills & legacies Bequeathed and executors by me, my wife before this time named and bequeathed Reliving my and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year above written signed sealed published and discharged by the said as his last will and testament in presence of us the subscribers

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John Byrd Seal

Wilmington December 12th 1766. Personally appeared before me James Myhand one of the subscriber's executors to the within will and being examined on oath proved the due execution of the same. Let it be registered the world over. In the name of God amen. I Joseph Boykin of Duplin County & former of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of a sound and perfect mind and memory prayes be given to Almighty God due thanks and ordain this my last will & testament Boykin in manner & form following that is to say at first & principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it hoping through the merits death and passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Execs hereafter named and what worldly goods and estate it has pleased God to bestow upon me. I give and dispose as follows first I will that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and discharged. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah six cows and calves. Item I give and bequeath to my son

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 Six cows and calves Item I give and bequeath to my son John twenty  
 Neat steers Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary six cows &  
 calves Item I give and bequeath to David that married my daughter  
 Elizabeth one certain black horse that runs in the woods Item  
 I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary all the rest of my estate  
 Real and personal of what denomination what so ever Lastly  
 I do hereby nominate and appoint my living wife Mary and my  
 trusty friend William Pope and vicar ~~magistrate~~<sup>magistrate</sup> my executors  
 to this my last will and testament heretofore by me made in  
 witness whereof I Joseph Boykin have hereunto set my hand and  
 seal the the eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one  
 thousand seven hundred and sixty six signed sealed published  
 and delivered in presence of John Price James. My hand  
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 Joseph X Boykin (Seal)  
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State of North Carolina  
 Duplin County-

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Then was the within will proved in open court in due form  
 of Law by the oath of George Clark & David Wood two of the  
 Subscribing witnesses thereto ordered the same be filed in the  
 Clerks office York William Dawson County Clerk  
 In the name of God Amen. I Archibell Bell of the county  
 of Duplin State of North Carolina County seat and week of body  
 but of sound and perfect memory Thanks be to God for the same  
 and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it  
 is appointed for all men once to die to make constitutions and  
 and appoint this my last will and testament manner &  
 form following. That is to say first of all I give and recommend  
 my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it &  
 my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors  
 nothing doubting but at the day of judgement I shall receive  
 the same again by the mighty power of God. And calling to mind  
 the worldly estate wherewithal it has pleased Almighty God  
 to bless me and bestow upon me in this life do bequeath the  
 same in the following manner - Item I leave to my dearly  
 beloved wife Mary Bell all my whole Estate during her

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 Bell