

In the Name of God Amen the 23^d day
of March 1761. I John Griffin of Edgecombe county
and Province of N. Carolina being Sick & Weak
in Body but of Perfect mind & Memory
Thanks be given to god therefore calling to mind
the mortality of my Body and knowing that
it is appointed for all men Once to Die do make
& Ordain this my Last Will & Testament that
is to say first & Principally of all I give and
Recommend My Soul into the Hands of God that
gave it and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to
be Buried in decent Christian Burial at the
Discretion of my Exors: not doubting but at
the General Resurrection I shall receive the
Same Again by the Mighty Power of God and as
touching such worldly Estate where with I am
Blessed God to Bless me in this Life I give & Dispose
& Dispose of the Same in the Following manner
and form. (Imprecious) I give & Bequeath unto
my son John Griffin my Plantation which on
I now live with two Hundred & fifty Acres of
Land adjoining with a Plantation there on all
to him & his Heirs & Assigns but in Case he
Shall Die without lawful Heirs of his Body
I give and Will the said Lands equally Amongst
my seven Children as follows to wit: Madde Griffin
Joseph Griffin Denny Griffin Mildred Griffin Ann
Griffin Mary Griffin and Deliah Griffin to be
Equally Divided between them their Heirs
and Assigns

I Also give my son Lewis Griffin and his feather
 Bed and furniture Belonging to it & five cows and
 calves and one Horse of the Value of five Pounds —
 Then I give my son John Griffin five Pounds Virginia
 Currency. Then I give to my son Joseph Griffin
 three cows & calves and Bed & furniture to him
 and his Apigons. Then I give to my son Hardy
 Griffin three cows & calves to him and his Apigons
 Then I give to my son Dancy Griffin one Bed and
 furniture and one Horse of six Pound Value
 and five cows & calves and five Pounds Virginia
 Currency to him & his Apigons. Then I give to my
 Daughter Melinda Griffin five cows & calves and
 five Pounds Virginia money to be raised and
 divided out of my Estate to her & her Apigons —
 Then I give to my Daughter Anna Griffin five cows
 & calves & five Pounds Virginia money to her &
 her Apigons. Then I give to my Daughter
 Mary Griffin five cows & calves and five Pounds
 Virginia Currency to her & her Apigons. Then I give
 to my Daughter Delilah Griffin five cows &
 calves & five Pounds Virginia money to her and
 her Apigons and all the Wheat of my Estate I give
 Equally amongst my eight Children as follow
 to wit Mary Griffin Joseph Griffin Dancy Griffin
 Lewis Griffin Melinda Griffin Anna Griffin Mary
 Griffin and Delilah Griffin and I do make
 Covenant & Bed and my land & divide them
 Mann and mother Danks and my son Hardy
 Griffin & his to them my last Will &

And Testament And I do utterly Disallow
 revoke & Disannul all & every former Wills
 and Testaments and Bequeaths and Gifts
 by me in any ways before named Made
 or Bequeathed Notifying and Confirming this
 and no other to be my Last Will and
 Testament in Writings whereof I have
 hereunto Set my Hand & Seal the Day &
 year first Above Written
 Signed Seal & Delivered by the said John Griffin
 as his Last Will & Testament in Presence of
 us the Subscribers.

William Drake Esq
 Jonas Williams Esq
 John Williams Esq

John J. Griffitt
 Clerk

Edgewood, N.Y. September Court 1862

The within Will was in Court
 Exhibited on Oath by the Executors and Proved by
 the Oaths of the Subscribing Thereto and at
 the same time Nedy Griffin one of the Executors
 therein named was qualified according to Law
 which is an action ordered to be testified as
 the Will to be the said.

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James H. Thayer