

Dated May

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Horro of Edgecombe County (Province of North Carolina) being very ~~ill~~ weak in Body but of Sound and Disposing mind & Memory have thought fit to make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows: Knowing that all men are mortal I bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my Body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors. In witness I Give and Bequeath unto my wife beloved Son Simon Horro a certain Tract of Land on the North Side of Tar River containing Three hundred Acres which I purchased of Robert Dundas Esq and his Heirs & Assigns for Ever with One Docton (Red) and furnished (Red) One Negro Man named Peter to him & Heirs or Assigns or for Ever. Item I Give and Bequeath unto my wife beloved Son Edmund Horro my manner Plantation whereon I now live being One hundred & thirty Acres of Land with One hundred Acres of Land on the North Side of Tar River which I purchased of Thomas Spoke to his Heirs & Assigns for Ever with One Docton (Red) and furnished with One Negro Boy named Tom. Item I Give and Bequeath unto my wife beloved Daughter Elizabeth Horro One Negro Girl named Rachel to her & Heirs & Assigns for Ever. Item I Give and Bequeath unto my wife beloved Daughter Mary One Negro Girl named Deborah. Item I Give & Bequeath unto my wife beloved Daughter Barbara One Negro Woman named Pat to her and the Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten for Ever and the Successors of the Body of my wife equally divided between the surviving Children of the said Barbara and at her decease Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Bryant One Negro Woman named Lucy to her and the Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten for Ever and all her future increase to be equally divided between her surviving Children of the said Elizabeth Bryant at her decease. Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Laura (Red) One Negro Woman named Ann to her and the Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten for Ever and all her future increase to be equally divided between her surviving Children of the said Laura at her decease.

The less of this said ~~negro~~ ^{negro} ~~man~~ ^{man} into my well beloved wife
 Rebecca Starrel during her Widowhood. Item it is my Express Will
 that my Plantation adjoining to ~~Samuel~~ ^{Samuel} Starrel on the North
 Side of Neenock with all the Land thereunto belonging shall be
 Sold out for money to school my four youngest Children for the
 Space of Ten Years. And then to be Sold at Vendue by my
 Executors And Forty Pounds Good Money which shall come from
 the said Land to be paid into my Daughter's Share when sold
 It is also my Will and Pleasure that if my Executors sell
 all the said Plantation before mentioned on the North Side of
 Neenock in Berke County for One hundred & thirty three
 Pounds Money they may collect when they please before the
 Expiration of the Ten Years Eight Pounds of the said
 Money shall be allowed each of my four youngest Children
 to them schooling And if the Rent of the said Plantation should
 not be sufficient to school my four youngest Children that
 it should be by my Executors to the highest Bidder & the money
 arising therefrom to be made use of as before mentioned
 Item I Give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife
 Rebecca Starrel all the Remainder of my Estate in during
 her Widowhood on which her Death if she should not marry
 to the Support of my four youngest Children it is also my
 Will and Pleasure that my Good and Lawful Son and Daughter
 shall receive their Estate before mentioned at the Age of
 twenty Years And it is my Will & Pleasure that my wife
 Rebecca should have the Use & Benefit of all my Estate
 Personal & Real during her Widowhood or Marriage only
 Excepting that that my Sons shall be disposed of their Estate
 as before mentioned And Give to each of my Children &
 to each of my Sons & Daughters one my whole & sole Part
 of the my last Will & Testament touching all Wills or
 Testament made before made by me or Ordered to be made
 in the last illness of my Son Samuel & all my other & other
 my last Will & Testament touching all Wills or Testament
 made before made by me or Ordered to be made

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The William Last Will & Testament of Thomas Merrill died was exhibited by the Executor Thomas Merrill and approved by the Court of the Bench One of the subscribing Witnesses who swore he knew the other subscribing Witnesses subscribed the same and the Executor went on the Will offering to Qualify Adminr. and the Court ordered a Bond of Security in the sum of £2000 which is now before the Court & that the Will be proved

Test J. S. Mallett

Dated 22 July 1763

In the name of God Amen I Thomas (Baker) of the County of Edgecombe and Province of North Carolina being at the time in perfect mind and memory I make & Ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following (that is to say) I give bequeath and devise unto my dear and beloved daughter Mary the sum of Twenty Shillings current Money of Virginia to have and to enjoy unto her and her heirs forever the plantation whereon I now dwell containing Two hundred and Twenty One Acres to her and her heirs for ever after the decease of her Mother I leave unto my Loving wife Martha the two of my plantation whereon I now dwell for and during her natural life and likewise the two of other land and portion of my estate for and during her life or widowhood And in trust she should pay unto her son George the sum of my children (that is to say) Caroline - Elizabeth & my son above named - the estate of my son George I leave unto my whole & sole heirs of this my Last Will & Testament hereby revoking disannulling & annulling I void all other Wills by me heretofore made in the which I have made & my true and lawful heirs & my dear friends who the Court of the Bench & doated by Thomas Merrill deceased the last and full & Testament be proved of John Duffin

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