

I Nominate and Appoint my Friends Christopher Riddick and Sarah
Riddick my wife Executors of this my Last will & Testament in Writing where
of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty Eighth Day of January
one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Six James ^{mark} Riddick ^{his}
Signed Sealed & Delivered in Presence of us Seth Riddick James ^{mark} & Thomas
State of North Carolina Gates County J. May Superior Court of
Plas and Quarter Sessions 1786 The within Will was exhibited into Court
by Christopher Riddick Executor therein appointed and was proved by the
oaths of Seth Riddick & Thomas Hayes Subscribing Witnesses whereupon
the said Will was ordered to be Recorded at the same time the said James
came into Court and qualified himself for that office and prayed annex
for Letters Testamentary thereon which was accordingly granted
J. May Clerk of the Court

In the Name of God Amen Whereas that I J. May
of the County of Gates and Province of North Carolina being
sick in body but of sound mind and memory have by my

I for the sum of Writing to bind the certain State of this mortal
Life and being Devoid of Sickness and Disposing of this my Temporal
Estate which is hereto I have God to bestow upon me in this life
do make and makein Callish and Declare this present Writing to be
my Last Will and Testament which is in manner and form following
I promise my Will is that I do hereby order and Appoint that all my
funeral Charges & Expences together with my Last Debts to truly
paid and satisfied by my Executors hereafter Named and that all
be Received out of my Estate which I shall leave at time of my decease
Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Moses Hobbs all the Lands
that I hold in Chawen County I say to him and his heirs and Assigns
for ever and one Horse Bridle and Saddle and one Goke of yellow skins
and feather his and favorite one Gun to him and his benefit and behoof
for ever Item I give and bequeath unto my Son William Hobbs all
the Lands that I hold in Yeats County I say to him and his heirs and
Assigns for ever and one year old calf and my old Gun that I bought of
Ruben Hobbs to him and his benefit and behoof for ever Item I give
and bequeath unto my Son Jesse Hobbs my Negro boy named Tom
I say to him and his heirs and Assigns for ever and I Desire that

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any more shall be leased to such Person or other this Spring and if she
shall bring a Colt to good that the said Colt shall be my Son Jesse Hobbs
and like wise when he is able to lay money out of my Estate be able
to buy him a gun for his own and Benefit for ever and if either one of
my Two Sons William and Jesse shall die without Issue there I pray
I shall Return to the other ones own and Benefits for for ever. Item I give
and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife Pashents Hobbs one Third
part of my Plantation before mentioned to my Son William Hobbs
During her widowhood and at her Death or Marriage to Return to my
said William Hobbs I also leave my well beloved Wife Pashents Hobbs
one feather bed and furniture and one more Bed and Saddle and
one horse and Calf her Choice to her Benefit for ever. Item I give
and bequeath unto the said residue of my Estate be it of what Nature
it shall come to be Equal Divided between my two wife Pashents
Hobbs and also of my younger Son and Daughters to them and their
Heirs forever but for my Son Moses Hobbs and my Daughter Pamel
I will bequeath nothing to them both what I intend to give them
I will give them when they come to be of age and of my own free
will and pleasure.

James Hobbs

Now I will say that the said Will was made by the said John Robb
Testament Writing them to use the same freely and lawfully in the
Whereof I the said John Robb have been and am now and for many years
day of January 1786 by the said John Robb before me and I was
be the said Will by Testament of the Testator in the presence of me John Robb
John Robb Secretary

State of North Carolina Gates County 1st May Superior Court of the said
quarter Session 1786 The within Will was submitted into Court by John
Robb and Moses Robb Executors therein appointed and was proved by them
of John Robb one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto that the said Will
was ordered to be proved at the same time the said Executors have taken
and qualified themselves for that office and prayed an order for Letters Testamen-
-ary thereon which was accordingly granted. Teste Lucius Baker Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I Solomon Heyat of Gates
County in the State of North Carolina being weak and Old in health
but of perfect mind and well disposing memory Thanks be given unto Almighty
God for it and leading to me the said Solomon Heyat