

In the Name of God Amen I Hezekiah Mendenhall
of Gates County & State of North Carolina being very sick & weak in
body but sound memory do make this my Last Will & Testament in manner
and form following viz I impune I give & bequeath to my Loving wife the use
of my Plantation whereon I lived for her use untill my Son Thomas comes of
age & then to have her thirds of the same Land my Desire is that my wife
may keep the Negroes together for the Support of the Children & as the
Children comes of age they must have there equal parts laid of to them
as it is given of all the Increase of every kind my Desire likewise is that
my wife should keep all the stock of every kind together for the use of
the Family & so Decided as the Children comes of age I give & bequeath
unto my Son Thomas my Plantation whereon I lived to him & his heirs
forever I give & bequeath to my Son Edward my old Plantation that did
belong to my Father to him and his heirs for ever I give & bequeath to my son
James the Plantation that I purchased of Mr. Sumner a hundred acres
give to S. James fifty acres out of the Land I bought of Henry Wall
Joining the same Land that I bought of Sumner & either of the boys
die before they come of age the Land to be equally Decided between
boys I give & bequeath my Negroes to be equally Decided between
Boys & I

and the Increase of every Kind my Desire likewise is that
my Wife should keep all the Stock of every Kind together for the use of
the Family & so Devised as the children comes of age I give & Bequeath
unto my Son Thomas my Plantation whereon I lived to him & his heirs
forever I give & Bequeath to my Son Edward my old Plantation that did
belong to my Father to him and his heirs for ever I give & Bequeath to my son
James the Plantation that I purchased of Mr. Summers a hundred acres
give to S. James fifty acres out of the Land I bought of Henry Wells
Joining the same Land that I bought of Summers if either of the boys should
die before they come of age the Land to be equally Devised between of
boys I give & Bequeath my Negro Cass & her Sonnets to my two children
Ward & James to them & their heirs for ever I give & Bequeath my Negro
Jen & her Sonnets to my sons Thomas & Edward to them & their heirs for ever
I give & Bequeath to my wife my Negro man Isaac for her Service her
Lifetime & after her Death to be divided between the children my intention
that my wife keep all the House furniture of every kind together until her death
& after her death to be divided amongst the children I intend to
spend my wife Elizabeths Purview & to buy & sell as my pleasure
this my Last Will & Testament I do hereby declare & seal

Witness the hand of me one thousand seven hundred and
four years the said Family In Presence of us Robert Hadden
John Watton

State of North Carolina Gates County 1st February Impres
of Pleas and quarter Session 1785 The above and within Will was
subscribed into Court by Elizabeth Nidrick Executrix therein appointed
and was proved by the oaths of Christopher Nidrick John Watton being
acting Notaries there to then the said Will was ordered to be Recorded at
the same time the said Executrix came into Court and qualified her
self for that office and prayed an order for Letters Testamentary thereon
which was accordingly granted — Teste Saw Parker Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I John Rofs of the
County of Hertford and Province of North Carolina being in
sound mind and memory think proper to make this writing my
Last Will and Testament in manner and form following Impres
I give to my Daughter Susanah Rofs one Keffier one Spiter Desk
and two plates one Bow to her and her heirs for one puter Desk
and one plate to her and her heirs for ever I give to my Son

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