

subscribing witnesses thereto an ex motion was ordered to be recorded
at the same time the said exaction qualified himself for that
office and procured an order for letters Testamentary thereon which
was accordingly granted -

Test L. Parker C.C.

In the name of God Amen. I James Costen son of Gates County in the
State of North Carolina being sick & weak but of sound & disposing mind
and memory blest be God for the same calling to mind the uncertainty
of this mortal life do constitute make & ordain this my last will & testament
in manner and form following that is to say first my will & desire is that
all my just debts being first paid and satisfied by my executors hereafter named
I give and bequeath to James Costen son of my brother Demary Costen and
the lands and plantation whereon I now live to him his heirs & assigns forever
provided he conveys & gives up all his right title & claim to all the lands
given by his fathers will the said land to be equally divided between
Nathaniel Costen & Benjamin Costen to them & their heirs forever
I give and bequeath also to James Costen the plantation whereon I now

I do hereby bequeath all my swamp land adjoining my place
to him his heirs and assigns forever and I assign them the negro man
Eben after my wife's decease to him his heirs & assigns.

And I give and bequeath to my living wife Elizabeth Boston one negro woman
named Hannah & one negro boy named Ben to her & her heirs & assigns I also
leave her the use of my three negroes namely Loomis Eben & Mary
during ^{her} natural life and after her decease I give Loomis to Isaac
Boston to him & his heirs forever.

And I give and bequeath to Dancy Boston one of my brother Dancy Boston
one negro boy named Kings after my wife's decease to him his heirs and assigns.

And I give and bequeath to Leah Boston one negro boy, boy named George to her
her heirs forever.

And I give and bequeath to Susannah Woodard one negro woman named Mary
during her natural life and then to Charity Woodard Nathaniel Woodard
& Richard Woodard she & her increase to them their heirs and assigns
And I leave to Abella Gordon the use of one negro girl named Peggy
during her natural life and after her death to her daughter Henry
Gordon to her & her heirs & assigns.

And I give and bequeath to Thomas Boston one negro man named M.

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I give and bequeath to Thomas Cortin one negro man named Abram
to him his heirs and assigns - - -

I give to Mary Cortin one feather bed & furniture two Cows & calves
two ewes & lambs to her & her heirs and assigns - - -

I give and bequeath to my wife one half of my stock of cattle hogs
& sheep for her I also leave her the use of all my horses during
her natural life, and then to be equally divided between Mary Cortin
& Denny Cortin to them their heirs & assigns - - -

I give to my said wife half of all my household and kitchen furni-
ture and all my Corn and meat now on hand - - -

I give all the rest and residue of my estate to be equally divided
between Thomas Cortin Nathaniel Cortin & Denny Cortin to them & their
heirs & assigns. Lastly I nominate and appoint David Rice
Jesse Cortin & Thomas Cortin Executors to this my last will and testament
to be the same performed according my true intent and meaning
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
fourteenth day of March 1791 - - -

James Cortin (Great)