

John Skinner James Knox

State of North Carolina Gates County 1st February Superior Court
of Chancery and quarter Session 1786 The within Will was exhibited into
Court by Nathaniel Benton Comptroller therein Appointed and was proved
by the oath of James Knox one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto
Then the said Will was ordered to be Read at the same time the said
Comptroller came into Court and qualified himself for that office and
proposed an order for Letters Testamentary thereon which was accordingly
granted

In the Name of God Amen I James Riddick
of the County and State of North Carolina being Sick Weak
and near my last moment do hereby make this my Last Will & Testament
in the following manner I give & bequeath my
estate unto the following persons to wit James Riddick & his
children for ever and unto my dear friends James Riddick & his
children for ever

Now I more full I give also my wife the spinning wheel she has been
I Give also to her what stock of Mine she has all the household
I Give her one head of cattle and all the Hens I have the sheep I give my wife
the bed & half of the rest of House hold Furniture of every sort what money I have
hand I due after paying the Debts I give my wife my Plantation her life time my
Desire is that my wife burn not over than half the light wood the other half I give
to my Nephew William Wright Riddick my Desire is that there is William
clear any part of the woodlands I give and if he chooses that lies upon his own hands
about the peppens I give and bequeath to my Nephew William W Riddick my
Plantation after my wifes Decease to him & his heirs forever I give to my Cousin
Riddick son of Micajah a Little Negro named Isaac I give to Sarah Minchey
a Little Negro Girl named Seal I give to Levery Minchey a Little Negro Girl named
I give to my Son William Gordon son of Sister Mary my black Horse and all
my wearing Belongings except one old sute I give Isaac Minchey one Huffer I give
Sarah Minchey one Huffer I give Penelope Ward one Huffer I give and bequeath
all the Residue of my Estate to be Divided between the children of my Mother
header my Sister Mary & Sarah Riddick Equally to them & theirs forever my Desire
is that the Residue of my Estate be

my darling daughter one old table I give Isaac Minchey one Huffer I give
Sarah Blamstead one Huffer I give Penelope Ward one Huffer I give and bequeath
all the Residue of my Estate to be Divided Between the Children of my Brother
under my Sister Mary & Sarah Niddick Equally to them & theirs forever, my intent
is that the Residue is to be Divided in three equal parts to my W^{ife} & Sisters
I Nominate and Appoint my Friends Christopher Niddick and Sarah
Niddick my wife Executors of this my Last will & Testament. In Witness where-
of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty Eighth Day of January
one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Six James F. Niddick
Signed Sealed & Delivered in Presence of us Seth Niddick James F. Niddick
State of North Carolina Gates County Jst May Superior Court of
Plas and Quarter Sessions 1786 The within Will was exhibited into Court
by Christopher Niddick Executor therein appointed and was proved by the
oaths of Seth Niddick & James Noyes subscribing Witnesses therein. Then
the said Will was ordered to be Recorded at the same time the said Court
came into Court and qualified himself for that office and paid an oath
for said Testamentary Oath which was accordingly given.

Seth Noyes Clerk of the Court

In the Name of God Amen