

In the Name of God. Amen, I
George Gordon of Halifax County in the province of North
Carolina being sick and weak of Body, but of perfect
and sound Sense and Memory of Mind, Thanks be to Al-
mighty God, for the same and calling into Consideration
that Life is uncertain, do make and Ordain this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following
— First I recommend my Soul into the Hands of God
that gave it, hoping through the Merits of my ever
Blessed Redeemer, to receive Salvation, and my Body
to be decently buried, at the Discretion of my Executors
Herein after mentioned, and as for what worldly
Goods, it hath pleased almighty God, to bestow
on me I give in manner and form following, first
I desire that, all my just debts be paid — Item I bequeath
to my loving Wife Martha Gordon, one third part
of my plantation, I now live on, also one Negro
Man Jack, & eighty pounds proe money during her
natural life, and after my just debts paid one 3^d
part of my perishable Estate, during her natural life
and after her decease to be equally divided, between my
two Children Josiah and Rachel, Item I give and
bequeath to my dutiful Son Josiah Gordon, all my
Tract of Land with two Negroes, namely Robert & James
my Will and desire is that the two Negroes Robert & James
be hired out for the schooling & Maintenance of my Son
till he arrives to the age of sixteen, and then to have his
Estate in possession —
Item I give and bequeath to my dutiful daughter
two Negroes namely Freeman & Nager, also twenty
pounds proe money. my Will and desire is yet my
loving Wife, have the Use of the above mentioned Negroes
till my daughter Rachel is married, and then to have her
Estate in possession —

Blessed Redeemer, to receive Salvation, about my Body
to be decently buried, at the Discretion of my Executors
Herein after mentioned, and as for what worldly

Goods, it hath pleased almighty God, to bestow
on me I give in manner and Form following, first
I desire that, all my just debts be paid - Item I bequeath
to my loving Wife Martha Godwin, one third part
of my plantation, I now live on, also one Negro
Man Jack, & eighty pounds poor money during her
natural life, and after my just debts paid the 3rd
part of my purchaseable Estate, during her natural life
and after her decease to be equally divided, between my
two Children Josiah and Dolly, Item I give and
bequeath to my dutiful Son Josiah Godwin, all my
Tract of Land with two Negroes, namely Robert & James
my Will and desire is that the two Negroes Robert & James
be hired out for the schooling & Maintenance of my Son
till he arrives to the Age of sixteen, and then to have his
Estate in possession

Item I give and bequeath to my dutiful Daughter
two Negroes namely Freeman & Hagar, also twenty
pounds poor money. my Will and desire is y^t my
loving Wife, have the Use of the above mentioned Negroes
till my Daughter Mary arrive to the age of fourteen
Years for her Maintenance and schooling my Will
and desire is that my Will be sold with the rest of
my purchaseable Estate, to wards paying my debts
my Will and desire is that my trusty Friend Luke
Pryor have the sole Care of my Son Josiah till
he arrive to the Age of eighteen, and lastly I consti-
tute & appoint my loving Wife, & my trusty friend
Luke Pryor, Executors of this my last Will & Testament,
Signed and sealed this seventh day of March 1764

George Goodwin ^{Dea} In the presence of, John
Payne - Jeremiah Dwyer, William Goodwin

Halifax April Court 1764 The above Will was
exhibited in Court in open Court by the Executors &
duly proved by the oath of Jeremiah Dwyer a subscrib.
Witness thereto, whereupon Luke Payne & Martha Goodwin
the Executors and Executrix mentioned in the said Will came
into Court and were duly qualified, Read the said
Will & ended Test

John Mendenhall C. C.