

In the Name of God amen it being the Twenty Ninth  
Day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred &  
Seventy one I John Black of Halifax County in the Province  
of North Carolina being Sick and Weak in Body but of  
perfect mind and knowing thanks be given to God Calling  
to mind the mortality of my body and knowing its appointed  
for all men once to die do make and Ordain this to be my  
Last will and Testament and as touching such worldly estate  
wherein it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I  
Give and Dispose of the same in Manner and form  
following that is First of all I Give to my beloved wife  
Mary Black my Plantation whereon I now live with all the  
Land belonging thereto, to her & her heirs for ever I  
Like wise Give my beloved wife all my two hold Goods  
within and without and all my stock likewise to her and  
her heirs for ever I Likewise Make and appoint James  
Horse and my beloved wife Mary Black my whole and sole  
Executors of this my Last will and Testament, and I  
do hereby disannul and make Void all other  
wills, Gifts or Rights whatsoever Ratifying and  
Confirming this and no other to be my Last will &  
Testament, Published and Pronounced and Declared  
to be his Last will and Testament in Presence of  
Benjamin Blackburn —

Thomas <sup>his</sup> ~~mark~~ Brewer

John Black 

Patience <sup>her</sup> ~~mark~~ Blackburn

John Blackburn —

(Halifax)

Halifax & Lot February Court 1772

Love and I hold of the same in Maine and from  
following that is first of all I Give to my beloved wife  
Mary Ann my plantation whereon I now live with all the  
Land belonging thereto, to her & her heirs for ever I  
like wise Give my beloved wife all my two hold Ends  
with in and without and all my stock likewise to her and  
her heirs for ever I likewise Make and appoint James  
Horne and my beloved wife Mary Ann my whole and sole  
Executors of this my Last will and Testament, and I  
do hereby disannul and Make Void all Other  
Wills, Gifts or Rights whatsoever Ratifying and  
Confirming this and no Other to be my Last will &  
Testament, Yutlicked and pronounced and declared  
to be his Last will and Testament in presence of  
Benjamin Blackburn —

Thomas <sup>his</sup> ~~mark~~ Brewer

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Then this will was exhibited in Open  
Court by the Executors James Horne & the Ept<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Ann & duly proved by the Oath of Thomas  
Brewer & Patience Blackburn Subscribing  
witnesses thereto, who on their Oaths did say that  
they saw the Testator John Ann sign seal  
Publish and declare the same to be his last  
will and Testament & that they together with

Benjamin Blackburn & John Blackburn  
<sup>the latter witnesses</sup>  
subscribed severally their Respective Names as  
witness thereto in the presence of the Secretary  
and at his Request whereupon the Secretary  
and Secretary aforementioned have duly  
Inscribed according to Law and on Oath  
As Witness to be Recorded

Test. Jos. Montfort C. C.  
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In the Name of God amen the 11<sup>th</sup> Day  
of January 1769 I William Cox of Halifax County in the  
Province of North Carolina King Dick in Body But of Good and sound  
Memory thanks be to almighty God and calling to Remembrance the  
uncertain Estate of this Transitory life and that all flesh must yield  
to death when it shall please God to call to make Constitution and air  
and Declare this my last will and Testament in Manner and form  
following Revoking and annulling by these Presents all and every  
Testament and Testaments Will and Wills heretofore by me  
made and Declared to be by word or writing and this is taken  
only for my last will and Testament and none other  
and I being penitent and sorry from the Bottom of my heart  
for my sins Past Present and future I give and bequeath my Soul and  
God my Saviour and Redeemer in Whome and by the Merits  
of Jesus Christ I trust and believe assuredly to be saved  
and to have full Permission of all my sins and that my  
Soul with my body at a General Day of Resurrection  
shall rise again with joy and triumph by the Merits of  
Christ's Death and Passion Passions and Inherit the Kingdom  
of Heaven Prepared for his Elect and Chosen and my body  
to be buried in such a place where it shall please to