

John Marshall dec'd Will

In the Name of God Amen I John Marshall of the County of Staff
and state of North Carolina being of sound disposing memory but knowing
from my age and indisposition that I cannot run our long in this world. In order
to prevent any dispute concerning the property with which it hath pleased the
almighty, disposer of all things to bless me do make constitute and appoint this
my last will and testament in manner & form following viz^t— I bequeath I send
unto my wife Elizabeth Marshall a piece of Land bounded as follows viz^t
beginning at Possumen tree standing about one hundred yards above my barn
nearly opposite the old path leading to her late place from thence running down
said old path to Alex Marshalls line (where I suspected now lives) then running a
north course along Turkey Branch to the old road leading from Madefas the
running up the old road until you get opposite to the barn then
running a south course to a white oak standing near the barn known by
the name of the white oak thence a direct line to the beginning, I also send unto my
said wife Elizabeth that part of my apple Orchard known by the name
of the Old Orchard and all the buildings ^{that are} within said Orchard ~~and~~ together
with the land lying between said Orchard and the spring, wherein there
was formerly a peach Orchard which land and premises I send her during her
life or widowhood or as long as she chooses to live the same while a widow she is not
to rent or lease any part of said land to any person or persons & hereafter
I give and bequeath to my said wife Elizabeth Marshall one negro woman
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and their increase to her and her heirs forever provided she does not depart from

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my wife should she depart from this my will I then give her the above said
during her life and at her death to be equally divided amongst my children
I then give unto my said wife two Feather Beds furniture one horse & riding habit
three cows & calves two cows & pigs one Spring wheel one pair of horses one horse

four Chairs, one square Table, 1/2 doz pewter plates half doz earthen dille three earthen
dishes, two pewter basons, 1 set of knives & forks and one chest called said wifes
Chest which property is to be valued when delivered to her and she is to have
the use of it till her death and then the amount of what said ~~said~~ property
was valued to be made good out of her estate which is to be equally divided
between all my Children - Item I also give unto my said wife six
hundred weight of Pork & twenty five barrels of Corn - Item I give unto my son
Starling Marshall one negro boy named Bob & one negro boy named Worley to him
& his heirs forever - Item I give unto my son John Marshall the remaining part
of the plantation whereon I now live after the part allotted for my wife is
taken off and I also give to my said son the part allotted for my wife at
her death or at the end of her widowhood the whole of which land and premises
I give to him and his heirs forever I also give to my said son John Marshall one
Negro woman Jabb. one negro man named Sam, one negro boy named Peter
to him and his heirs forever - Item I give unto my son Allen Marshall the land
whereon Mr. Herbert now lives lying on the west side of Cutfishpers ~~land~~
road between said road and the land whereon I now live to him and his heirs
for ever I also give to my son Allen Marshall three negro boys Oston Tom &
Henry one feather bed known by the name of the Great bed together with the
furniture to him and his heirs forever Item I give and bequeath to my daughter
Lucy Selks one Negro woman named Sissy, one negro boy named Jerry
and all the Children that she ~~has~~ or may have

remain hers as long as she lives and at her death the said negro and
their increase to be equally divided among her female children - Then I give
unto my daughter Mary Mercer one negro woman named Bess and one
negro boy named Samia such for or during said daughter's life and at her
death the said negroes & their increase to be equally divided among her children
Then I give unto my daughter Sarah Bond during her life one negro
woman named Conny and one negro boy named James and at her death
they and their increase to be equally divided between all her children
Then I give unto my daughter Rebecca Caroll during her life one negro girl
named Mary & one negro girl named Eddy and at her death said negroes
& their increase to be equally divided between all her children

Then I give unto my daughter Lucy Pitts one negro girl named Ann and
one negro girl named Nell and their increase for or during her life and
at her death the said negroes & their increase to be equally divided among her children
It is my will and desire that my still plantation Wards and all my household
& kitchen furniture stock of all kinds together with all the moveable part of
my Estate that is not otherwise disposed of be sold and the money arising from
the sale of said property after paying all my lawful debts to be distributed
as follows viz one hundred dollars to my daughter Lucy Pitts one hundred
dollars to Mary Mercer one hundred & thirty three and three fourths dollars to Sally Bond
one hundred dollars to Rebecca Caroll one hundred dollars to Lucy Pitts and

and the remainder to equally divide between my three sons —
It is my desire that every thing contained in this will which are at this
time remaining on my plantation should continue on the same until this
years crop is housed and taken care of — It is my will and desire that
the old fences that lay between the house and the road which are at this
time uninclosed should remain so during my wife's life or widowhood
allowing her the privilege of inclosing the wheat patch two of which are
now inclosed and the other is the new bottom behind the stable —
I nominate and appoint my two sons Sterling & John Marshall Executors
to this my last will and Testament Given under my hand and seal
this eleventh day of July one thousand seven hundred ninety nine
Signed & Delivered in the presence of
Jpe Stewardant Rector Griffiths

Halifax County Va

John Marshall

May Session 1799 This will was exhibited in open
Court and duly proved by the oath of Jpe Stewardant one of the sub-
scribing witnesses thereof and an motion ordered to be Recorded where
upon Sterling Marshall & John Marshall the Executors therein named came
in and was duly qualified to the same —
Thompson

In the name of God Amen I James Cosby of the County of Halifax