

John Vincent will

In The Name of God Amen. I John Vincent of
the County of Halifax State of North Carolina being very Sick but in my
perfect mind & Sincer, but Calling to mind the Mortality of man. That it is appointed
for them once to die. I first recommend my body to the dust and my Soul unto
God. Who Gave it. hoping & Trusting in the morning of the resurrection
that he will bless both Body & Soul & for my worldly Goods. That it has pleased
The Almighty to bless me with. I desire that all my just debts be paid and the
residue of my Estate. I desire to leave it in the following Manner. To wit
I give unto my beloved Wife Leticia Vincent one negroe man by the name
of Tony one Feather Bed & furniture one Trunk three Cows & Calves three
Sows & Twenty five Shoats one Sorel horse one Cupboard two Sheep Twelve
I give & bequeath unto my Four Children. to wit Warren Mary Rebecca
Nanny. Four Negroes to wit. Violet Daniel David & Jacob and the increase
of Debt to be Equally divided between them. When my Son Warren
Comes of age.

Then I give & bequeath unto my Son Warren my
Land lying on Rocky Swamp a tract formerly Rogers Containing
100 Acres & twenty five to the same more or less. Then I bequeath

one hundred & twenty five. be the same man or life. Item I desire
my beloved wife my home plantation during her natural life and after her
death my desire is that the plantation & Land be sold & equally divided
among my four Children. Item I give unto four Children the residue
of my property to be sold next fall and Equally divided amongst them except
the Crop that will be made this year my desire is that there be enough of
the Corn laid up at the discretion of three Freeholders to Support my Family
one year in bread & fatten my wife twenty Five Shoats for the use of her &
my Family the Ensuuing Year and the residue of my Crop to be sold & Equally
divided amongst my four Children. Item I desire that all my negroes be kept
on my home plantation at the discretion of my wife to Support my Children
during my wifes Widowhood in case she should Marry before my Son comes
to the age of age my desire is that the Guardian of my Children should take
the Childrens negroes and hire them out until my Son comes of age
Item I further leave my friend Harriot Davis & my beloved wife
Executors of my last Will & Testament and at last I leave & empower

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My Friend Marriot Davis a Guardian for my Four Children To wit Warren
Vincent. Mary Nancy & Rebecca Vincent. as Witnesses my hand & seal
this nineteenth Day of January one Thousand Seven hundred & ninety Eight
Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of us } John Vincent 
Benjamin Poles. Esq. & Harder

Halifax County 3^d February 1798 Then this Will was exhibited in
open Court and duly proved by the oath of Benjamin Poles one of the
Subscribing Witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be Recorded whereupon
Marriot Davis the Executor therein named came in & was duly qualified
to the same
Witness L Long Esq

In The Name of God amen I John Adams of Halifax County & State
N^o. Carolina being at this time in a low State of Health but of Sound & disposing
mind & memory do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner
& Form following vizt. I imprint this my will & desire that my Sons and
daughters which I have lately purchased Primarily belonging to the Estate of