

John Young

In the Name of God Amen, I John Young of the
County of Halifax in the State of North Carolina being of sound and
perfect mind & memory (thanks be to God) but feeling to mine the
mortality of mankind and knowing it is appointed for all men once
to die Do make Ordain constitute and appoint this my Last Will
and Testament in Manner and form following (to wit).

First, I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Young his heirs or assigns
the plantation whereon he now lives with all the Land thereunto
belonging Except about Thirty acres more or less where on Mr. James
Hogan has a Quarter I also give to my son Thomas Young his heirs
Assigns one negro man named Ben one Negro woman named Jude.

Item, I give and Bequeath to my son Marmaduke Young his heirs and
Assigns the Plantation whereon he now lives with all the hereunto
belonging which I bought of Dempsey Taylor, and in case it should
happen that if my son Marmaduke Young should not get or be
able to procure a good and sufficient Title for the said Land from
the heirs of Micajah Thomas, then & in that case I Give my said
son Marmaduke Young his heirs or assigns the sum of Two Hundred
Pound Virginia Currency in lieu of the said Land I also

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I son Marmaduke Young his heirs or assigns the sum of Two Hundred
Pound Virginia Currency in lieu of their Land I also give and bequeath
to my s^r son Marmaduke Young Two Hundred pounds proc. money
to him his heirs or assigns

Item, I give and Bequeath to my son Jarrod Young his heirs or assigns
thirty acres of Land more or less being part of the tract whereon I now
live Beginning at a water cask running from thence by a line of
mark trees to a place called the Cove then down the Cove to corner
standing in the marsh opposite the Land of M^r Whit Mill, then
along the Crofs marsh to the Beginning. I also Give and bequeath to
my s^r son Jarrod Young his heirs or assigns about Thirty acres of
Land more or less now in the possession of M^r James Hogan joining
the Land herein above mentioned to my son Thomas Young also
Give and bequeath to my s^r son Jarrod Young his heirs or assigns
the plantation whereon Elizabeth Slaughter, now lives with all
the Lands therunto belonging that lies on that side the Beaver cove
Swamp and incase my s^r son Jarrod Young dies before he arrives
to lawfull age or marriage then I Give and bequeath all the

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Lands herein mentioned to myd. son Jarrod to be Equally divided
 between my two sons John Young & Francis Young and
 their heirs or assigns Share and share alike,
 Item, I give and bequeath to my son John Young his heirs or assigns
 for ever about two hundred Acres of Land more or less being part
 of the Land bought of Thomas Davis, Elizabeth Harris and Joshua
 Bell, lying on the other side of the Marsh opposite my Dwelling
 House including the Old plantation whereon Thomas Davis formerly
 lived and in case myd. son John Young dies before he arrives to
 Lawfull age or Marriage then I give & bequeath the s. Two hundred
 Acres of Land herein mentioned to myd. son John Young to be Equally
 divided between my two sons Jarrod Young & Francis Young and
 their heirs or assigns Share & share alike,

Item, I give and bequeath to my son Francis Young his heirs or assigns
 the plantation whereon I now live with all the Land thereunto belonging
 that lies on the same side of the Marsh that my Dwelling house now
 stands on and also all the Land that I bought of Wham Webb to him
 his heirs or assigns for ever, only reserving that if in case myd. son
 Francis Young dies before he arrives to Lawfull age or Marriage then

his heirs or assigns for ever, only reserving that if in case myd son Francis Young dies before he arrives to lawfull age or marriage then I give the Land herein mentioned to myd son Francis Young to be equally Divided between my two sons Jarrod Young & John Young their heirs or assigns share & share alike.

Item I give and bequeath all my tract of Land lying in Jamis Island to be equally Divided between my two sons Jarrod Young & Francis Young their heirs or assigns share & share alike.

Item I give and bequeath all the Land which I bought of John Bell to be equally Divided between my two sons John Young & Francis Young and their heirs or assigns share & share alike.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth House one negre woman named Lucy one negre boye allow to her and her heirs & assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Land her heirs or assigns two negre Girls (said) Little amy & Sylvia.

Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson William Young the son of my Daughter Sarah his heirs or assigns one negre Girl named Nanny and Twenty Pound p^{er} ann^{um} money to be applyed by my Ex^{ors} herein after named in schooling & Educating myd Grandson William Young.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Francis Young his heirs or assigns my Copyh^{old} Slaves & ap^{pr}ais^{ed}

Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Benjamin Burdett Ten pound p^{er} ann^{um} money to be applyed by my Ex^{ors} herein after named in schooling & Educating thed Benjamin Burdett.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Executors herein after named 623 acres of Land lying on
Deep Creek and one Negro Man named Peter to be by themselves and the money
Arising by the sale of this Land & Negro to be by them applied in the following
Manner (writ) Two Hundred pounds per: Money to satisfy allegany herein before
Mentioned to my son Marmaduke Young and in case my son Marmaduke Young
Should not get a sufficient Title to this Land as is herein before Mentioned The remainder
of this Sale to be applied towards paying him two hundred pounds Virginia Currency
as herein before Mentioned.

Item, I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah Young her heirs and assigns the one sixth
part of the remainder of my whole Estate that is not herein before mentioned or given
in Legacies.

Item, I give and bequeath the remainder of my whole Estate that is not herein before
Mentioned or given in Legacies to be Equally Divided between my six Children
(writ) Lewis, James, John, Math, Phemike, & Francis, to be Divided in the following
manner (writ) when the first of my six Children shall arrive to lawfull age or
marriage then the said remainder of my Estate to be Divided in six equal parts & he or
she of my six Children that shall arrive to Lawfull age or Marriage shall
then take his or her part of the said remainder and the other five parts of the said
remainder shall remain as undivided till the next of the said six Children shall
arrive to age or Marriage as aforesaid & so on in proportion till the youngest

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Arrive to age or Marriage as aforesaid & so on in proportion till the youngest
or last of them shall come to age or marriage as aforesaid & have his or her
Part of the ^s Remainder of my Estate, —

Item, It is my will and desire that the Remainder of my Estate herein before
mentioned to be divided Between my Six Children Louisa, James, John, Ruth,
Phoebe, & Francis, as they shall arrive to Lawfull age or Marriage shall
Remain in the hands and possession of my wife Sarah Young until my ^s Six
Children shall arrive to Lawfull age or Marriage in manner herein before mentioned
And that my ^s wife Sarah Young is and shall for the use and profits of the ^s
Remainder of my Estate, School, Educate & maintain my ^s Six Children
According to their Degree & Station,

Item, Lastly I Nominate constitute and appoint my wife Sarah Young Ex^{or} and my two sons
Thomas Young & Macmaduke Young Ex^{ors} to this my last Will and Testament, here by
revoking and Disannulling all others heretofore by me made In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 25th Day of August 1777 —

Signed sealed Published & Declared by the ^s John Young
to be his last will & Testament in presence of us
(the words with all the Land thereunto belonging)

John Young Ex^{or}

between the last & second lines of the second clause interlined before signed
 Tho: Young, John Thomas, Arthur Smith,

Halifax County 5th August Court 1781, Then this will was Cal^d in Open Court
 and duly proved by the Oaths of John Thomas, & Arthur Smith two of the Subscribing Justices
 Who on their Oaths did say that they, saw the Testator sign Seal Publish and Declare
 this to be his last will & Testament and that at the time of signing the same he was of sound
 mind and memory Whereupon Tho: Young & Marmaduke Young Qualified as Exors and
 on Motion Ordered to be Recorded, Test J^m M^r Potter C^l C^l

Ordnates Davis Will

In the Name of God Amen, I Ordnates Davis
 of Halifax County & State of North Carolina, do make & Ordain this my last will
 & Testament in manner and form following that is to say, — First I Will that all my
 just Debts be paid and for this Purpose, I do empower my Exors (herein after named)
 to sell and Dispose of any part of my Estate which they may deem expedient,
 Item I Give to my Loving wife Mary Davis (during her widowhood, or untill either
 of my Daughters (to wit) Mary and Elizabeth Ann Davis, shall marry or attain to
 Lawfull age) all my Estate both real and Personal be it of what Nature or Kind
 Soever for the purpose of raising, Educating and maintaining my & two Daughters