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John Cox

In the Name of God Amen. I John Cox of Halifax
County in the State of North Carolina Planter being weak of Body but
by the blessing of God enjoying the perfect use of my Natural Under-
standing & Considering the Certainty of Death and the Uncertainty
of Life do on this Seventh Day of May Anno Domini, One thousand Seven
Hundred & Eighty four, Appoint this to be my last Will & Testament
First of all I commend my soul into the Hands of the almighty God
who gave it & my body to the Ground to be buried in a Decent manner
According to Discretion of my Executors Hereafter Nominated, Trusting
this the Merits of our Saviour & the Mercy of God that all my sins
will be forgiven & my soul & Body reunited & Restored to a life of
Eternal Happiness And as to what worldly Good it has pleased God to
bestow upon me after all my lawfull & Just Debts are paid of. I
Give & bequeath as follows

Item. I leave to my beloved Wife Elizabeth Cox. all my Estate both
Real & Personal During her Natural Life Or widowhood & upon my
widows Death or Marriage I Dispose of all my Estate Real & Personal
in manner & form following

Item. I Give & bequeath to my Eldest son Charles Cox my Land that
is the mill near two Hundred & fifty Acres more or less

them. I Give & bequeath to my eldest son Charles Cox my Land that
is called the mill Neck two Hundred & fifty Acres More or less
to him and his Heirs for Ever.

Item. I Give & bequeath to my son Joseph Cox my Manner plantation
containing two Hundred Acres of Land to him & his Heirs for Ever

Item. I Give & bequeath to my son Charles Cox One Negro Man named
Daniel to him & his heirs for ever. I Likewise Give & bequeath to my
S. son Charles Cox One Horse Coll that come of the bay mare to him
& his heirs for Ever

Item. I Give & bequeath to my said son Joseph Cox One Negro boy named
Moses & one Horse Coll that come of a Mare calld Old Spue well to him
& his heirs for Ever

Item. I Give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Cox One Negro Woman
named Liddy & one Mare bridle & Saddle the Calo flower to her &
her Heirs for Ever

Item. I Give & bequeath to my Daughter Ann Cox One Negro named
Doreas & one young Mare & a Saddle & bridle to her & her Heirs for Ever

Item. I Give & bequeath to my Daughter Phoebe Cox One Negro boy named
Shasper, & one young Mare & Saddle & bridle to her & her Heirs for Ever

