

In the Name of God Amen, this Eighth Day of February one Thousand Eight Hundred & Seventeen. I Richard Mox of the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina being weak of Body but of Perfect mind & memory calling to mind the uncertainty of life and not knowing how soon my change may come do make & retain this my last Will & Testament Designing my Soul to God who first gave it and hoping for mercy & to be received into the Mansions of the Blessed above through the merits & Intercession of Jesus Christ my dear Redeemer, and as for my Mortal Body I direct it may be buried in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my ~~Heirs~~ hereafter mentioned. and as to my worldly Estate which the Lord has been pleased to bestow on me I devise in the form & Manner following - That all my Just Debts be paid and my Funeral expenses discharged - I desire that my brog and Negro Man Frank may be sold and applied to the payment of my Debts - I lend to my beloved wife Nancy Mox during her natural life all my stock of every description together with all my Household & Kitchen Furniture, Plantation Utensils not hereafter given away, I also lend to my beloved wife Nancy Mox the Plantation and Land whereon I now live during her natural life. - I give to each of my Children as they Marry or settle off one Bed and Furniture to them & their Heirs for ever -

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I give to my son Joseph John Harding Moss one Negro Man, at the Death of my wife, or should she die before she comes of age to be chosen by my Executor, or if he should then be of age to be chosen by himself - I give to my Daughter Foot and her heirs for ever the Negro Man Herten which she now has in Popesvicke - I Give to my beloved wife Nancy Moss during her natural life all my Negroes not heretofore given away - I give to each of my children here mentioned - Gideon & Moss. Thomas Moss. Lodewick Moss. Francis Bobbett. Lucy Bobbett. Sally Moss. Joseph S. H. Moss. Patsey Co Moss. Betsey Harper, Rebecca Marshall - Negro or Negroes equal in Value to the one given to my Daughter Mary Foot, after the Death of my beloved wife to them & their heirs with all the future increase of said Negroes for ever - and the Negro heretofore given to my son Joseph John H. Moss not to be counted as his part in making him equal with the rest, but first for him to have one Negro as before mentioned and then exclusive of that Negro to be made equal with the rest -

I give to my son William Moss the Negroes that I have a bill of Sale for from him now in the possession of Peter Robertson with all their future increase to him & his heirs for ever as his full proportion

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of my Estate - And should there be any other part of my Estate  
not heretofore Willed away, or should there be any Estate left after  
making the above named Children, Gideon & Mops, Thomas Mops, Lodwick  
Mops, Francis Bobbett, Lucy Bobbett, Sally Mops, Joseph S. H. Mops -  
Patsy B. Mops, Betsey Harper and Rebecca Marshall equal to my  
Daughter Foot, I desire that it may be equally divided, between my  
Children. Gideon & Mops, Thomas Mops, Lodwick Mops, Francis Bobbett  
Lucy Bobbett, Sally Mops Joseph S. H. Mops, Patsy B. Mops, Betsey Harper  
Rebecca Marshall & Mary Foot to them & their Heirs for ever after the  
Death of my said Loving Wife Nancy Mops - I hereby appoint my  
Trusty Friend Edward Dringcole Jr. Executor of this my last will &  
Testament hereby revoking all other Wills - As witness my Hand & Seal  
the Day & Date above Written -

Witness

John Carter Esq  
Edward Dringcole Jr. Esq  
Gideon & Mops

Richard <sup>his</sup> Mops Seal  
mark

The Name William Mops erased before signing - Lette

John Carter Esq

Halifax County

Witnessed by me in open Court &

Testament hereby revoking all other Wills - as witness my hand

the day & date above written -

Witness

John Carter Esq

Edward Dringdale Esq

Gideon E Mops

Richard <sup>his</sup> Mops Seal  
mark

The Name William Mops traced before signing - Lette

John Carter Esq

Halifax County

Feb 4 days 1817

} Then this will was exhibited in open court & duly proven by the oaths of John Carter & Edward Dringdale Esq - two of the subscribing witnesses thereto who says that the Testator at the time of signing or acknowledging the same was of sound mind & Memory & on Motion Ordered to be Recorded, whereupon Edward Dringdale Esq the Executor herein named came in & was duly qualified thereto -

Witness Richard Gyles Clerk

I James Davis make this my last will & Testament