

In the Name of God Amen. I Theophilus Joyner of the County of Halifax State of North Carolina being sick in Body, but of sound Mind and Memory ~~in consideration~~ of this Transitory State of Existence do therefore make & ordain this my last will & testament as follows viz^t

Impressus I surrender my soul into the hands of that adorable omnipotent, Being from whom it originally proceeded & my mortal Body to be committed to its Creator I trust

Them, I lend to my beloved wife Sarah Joyner the plantation & land whereon I now live called Richmond, for during the full term of her natural life time & for during the same term of time, I also lend to my said wife Sarah Joyner all my negroes & the my just debt & paid, all my stock of Horses Cattle Sheeps and Hogs also all my Furniture & every other article of my moveable property of every kind: But at the decease of my said wife Sarah Joyner my will &

desire is that in case a certain Polly Barnes the reputed Daughter of my said wife Sarah Joyner be then alive she the said Polly Barnes Daughter of my said wife Sarah, shall have & enjoy all & singular the above lent property of every kind to her the said Polly Barnes then alive & her heirs forever: Provided nevertheless that in case of the decease of the said Polly Barnes before she comes of age or intermarries my will & desire is that my wife Sarah Joyner shall thereforth possess & enjoy as her own the simple Estate not only all & singular the above lent property but also all the rest of my Estate both said stock house hold furniture & what it is to be may be hoped of at the time of my decease to her my said wife Sarah Joyner & her heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath to the above mentioned Polly Barnes (the aforesaid Daughter of my said wife Sarah Joyner) my plantation & Land called the old place where I formerly lived which was patented by David Brund contains as per a late survey two hundred & fifty four & an half acres to her the said Polly Barnes & her heirs forever. Lastly I constitute and appoint my wife Sarah Joyner executrix & my Brother Budgeman Joyner & my Friend David Sane Executor to the my last

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I do give & bequeath to the above mentioned Polly Barnes (the supposed Daughter of my said
wife Sarah Joyner) my plantation & Land called the old place where I formerly lived which was
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the said Polly Barnes & her heirs forever. Lastly I constitute and appoint my wife Sarah Joyner
executrix & my Brother Budgeman Joyner & my Friend Davis Saml Executor to this my last
will & Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 29th
day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety one
Signed Sealed published & declared in presence of
Thos^r Young, Thos^r Howell Semartin Vaughne } Theophilus Joyner

Stafford County Va. February 1st 1796 Then this will was exhibited in open Court & duly proved
by the oath of Thos^r Young Thos^r Howell & Semartin Vaughne the Witnesses thereto & on Motion ordered to be
Recorded & thenceupon Sarah Joyner the Executrix therein named came & was duly qualified to the said will
Attest J. S. Young C. C. T.