

Thomas Burgess Will

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Burgess of the County
of Halifax & State of North Carolina, Clerk being of sound Mind & Memory Do make this my
last Will & Testament in form & manner following Viz. I imprint my will is that my just
debts & funeral expences which I require to be moderate shall be paid out the Money owing to me
from the 2 Parishes in Halifax County if it can be recovered or else where, or in my properties
the Remainder of the Money so due to me I give to be equally divided betwixt my wife Mary & my
Son Lovatt to them & their heirs forever. Then I give to my Wife Mary the use of the following
Negroes during her life Viz. Sueretia, Chlos, Scipio, London, Silvia & Pitt together with their increase
from the day of the date hereof. & after the death of my said Wife Mary I give the aforesaid Negroes
Viz. Sueretia, Chlos, Scipio, London, Silvia & Pitt with their increase to my Son Lovatt Burgess & to the
heirs of his body lawfully begotten & to their heirs forever. But if it shall so happen that my said
Son Lovatt shall die before his Mother my Wife Mary & without an heir of his body lawfully begotten,
in that case I give all the said Negroes Viz. Sueretia, Chlos, Scipio, London, Silvia & Pitt with all
their increase to my Wife Mary to her use & disposal, to her & her heirs forever. Then I give to my
Wife Mary the use of the following Negroes during her life & Widowhood Viz. Prince, Spencer, ex-
posed Amy, Prince, Frederick, Charity Jane with their future increase. And after her death or Mar-
riage I give all the said Negroes Viz. Prince, Spencer, exposed Amy, Prince, Frederick, Charity
Jane with their future increase to my son Lovatt Burgess to him & his heirs forever. Then I
give to Dorothea Miriam the wife of John Bradford two Negroes Viz. Lucy, Wilks with all their
future increase to her & her heirs forever. Then I give to my son John all my Books except my
great Bible which I hereby give to my wife & also except any love Books or sells of Books which
my son Lovatt shall think proper to choose for himself, to him & his heirs forever. Then I give to my
Daughter Anna Maria Burgess eight Negroes Viz. Chesler, Mary, Pamela, Eliza, Peter, Kitty, Sell,
Joseph & Francis with all their future increase to her & her heirs forever. Then I give to my son
Lovatt Burgess three Negroes Viz. Maxfield, Nancy & Seth to him & his heirs forever. Then I give
to my Son Lovatt the Land which I bought of the heirs of Peter Schuster and whereon Peter Schuster did live
& likewise the land I bought of Thomas Butcher to him & his heirs forever. I give to my Wife Mary the
use of the land & plantation whereon I live & likewise the use of my lands lying on Beach Swamp
to him & his heirs forever.

future increase, to her & her heirs forever. Item, I give to my Son
great Bible which I hereby give to my Wife. I also except any 'lone' Books or sells of Books which
my son Swell shall think proper to choose for himself, to him & his heirs forever. Item, I give to my
Daughter Anna Maria Burger Eight Negroes viz: Charles Mary, Pamela, Eliza Peter, Kitty, Till,
Joseph & Francis With all their future increase, to her & her heirs forever. Item I give to my son
Swell Burger three Negroes viz: Maxfield, Nancy & Seth, to him & his heirs forever. Item, I give
to my son Swell the Land which I bought of the heirs of Peter Johnston and John Peter Johnston do live
& likewise the land I bought of Thomas Butler, to him & his heirs forever. I give to my Wife Mary the
use of the land & plantation whereon I live, & likewise the use of my lands lying on Beach Swamp
during her life, & after her death I give all the said lands to my son Swell, to him & his heirs
forever. Item I give to my son Swell Burger three Negroes viz: Maxfield, Nancy & Seth, to him &
his heirs forever. Item I give to my daughter Anna Maria the Bedstead she usually sleep
upon with proper furniture, to her & her heirs forever. Likewise give my daughter Anna Maria my
Wardrobe Black six Black Walnut Chairs & my Middle sized looking Glass to her & her heirs forever.
Item I give to my Wife Mary my Dining Chair & chairs, to her & her heirs forever. Item I give to my
son Swell all my silver spoons to him & his heirs forever. Item I give all the residue & remainders of
my estate to be equally divided between my Wife Mary & my son Swell Burger to them & their heirs
forever and Lastly I appoint my brother Eber Rayner, my Neighbour Samuel Pitman Executor &
my Wife Mary Executrix of this my last Will & Testament & I hereby revoke & disannul all other Wills
and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal
this 27th Day of July, in the Year of our Lord God 1777 -

I do hereby declare to be the last Will of the Testator, in presence
of us the words "with their future increase" being first here inserted
Test William Howard, Thomas Powell, Lazarus Gunter

Halifax County N.C. February 28th 1788. When this Will was produced to the Court, & it being
affirmed by the Clerk that the same was found in the files of the Court of said County; and is not to be
found amongst the Wills recorded in the County aforesaid. It sufficiently appearing to this Court that the
said will had been heretofore regularly & duly proved it is therefore Ordered by the Court that the Clerk of
this Court do receive the said Will. Witnesses Henry C.

Thomas Burger