In the Name of God Amen the Seven-
ty eighth day of February in the Year of our Lord God
One thousand Seven Hundred & fifty three I Thomas
Mathis Senr. of Pasquotank County in the Province of
North Carolina being of Good & perfect memory
Thanks be to Almighty God & Calling to mind the
uncertain State of this Transitory Life & that all flesh
must yield unto Death when it shall please God to
Call, do make Ordain & declare this is
my last Will & Testament in Manner & form
following Revoking & Annulling by these Pre-
sents all & every Testament & Settlements, Will &
Wills heretofore by me made & declared either by
Word or Writing & this is to be taken only for my
Last Will & Testament & none other & first Being Pe-
nitent & Sorry from the Bottom of my heart for my
Sins past Do & Humbly Desiring Forgiveness for the
same & Grace & Command my Soul unto Almighty God
my Saviour & Redeemer in Whom & by the Merits
of Jesus Christ I Trust & believe assuredly to be saved
& to have full Remission & Forgiveness of all my Sins
& that my Soul with my Body at the General Resur-
rection shall rise again with Joy & through the Mer-
its of Christs Death & Passion possess & inherit the
Kingdom of Heaven prepared for his Elect & Chosen
& my Body to be Buried in Such a Place where &
Shall please my Executor hereafter Named to appoint
& for the Setting of my Temporal Estate & Such Go-
Chattels & Debts as it pleased God to endue me
to dispose of, I do order Give & dispose the same
in Manner & form following that is to say
First I will that all those Debts & Dues as of Right
& Conscience to any Person or Persons that

my last Will & Testament in Manner & form
following Revoking & Annulling all & every Wills
& Testaments & Testaments & Bequests. Will &
Wills heretofore by me made & declared either by
word or Writing & this is to be taken only for my
Last Will & Testament & none other & first being pe-
titent & sorry from the Bottom of my heart for my
sins past most Humbly desiring Forgiveness for the
same & trusting & Commending my Soul to Almighty God
my Saviour & Redeemer and Whome & by the Merits
of Jesus Christ I trust & believe undoubtedly to be saved
& to have full Remission & forgiveness of all my sins
& that my Soul with my Body at the General Resur-
rection shall rise again with Joy & through the Mer-
its of Christ death & passion I hope & inherit the
Kingdom of Heaven prepared for his Elect & Chosen
& my Body to be Buried in such a place where it
shall please my Executor hereafter Named to appoint
& for the setting of my Temporal Estate & such Good
Chattels & debts as it pleased God to arrive my hands
to dispose of, I do make Give & dispose the same
in manner & form following that is to say
First I will that all those debts & dues as I owe in
Right or Conscience to any Person or Persons what-
soever shall be well & truly Contented & paid or ordained
to be paid within Convenient time after my decease
by my Executor after Named, Item I Give & bequeath
unto my Grandson Charles Mathis one Hundred
Acres of Land Situate lying & being in Fayette
in the County of Fulton aforesd. Item I Give &
Bequeath unto my Beloved son Thomas my
Fellow named Peter & my part of the Water Mill
Item I Give & bequeath unto my son Thomas

Matthias my Negro Fellow Named Cyrus
Paying of Forty Pounds Virginia Money to be Equal-
-ly Divided Amongst the Remainder of him the S.d
Thomas Matthias Brothers & Sisters, Viz, I Give &
Bequeath unto my Beloved son Thomas Matthias all
my Messuages Lands & Chattels to be Equally divided
Amongst his Brothers & Sisters & also do hereby make
Ordain & Appoint my Beloved Son Thomas Matt
this to be my Whole & Sole Executor of this my last
Will & Testament In Witness Whereof I have
hereunto Set my hand & Affixed my Seal the day
& Year first before Written; Signed James † Matthias Sen.r &
Signed Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of us —
Edmond Collins Sen.r Edmond Collins Jun.r Rachel
Phillips; Halifax S.t March Court 1762 —
This Will was Exhibited in Open Court & Duly Sworn
to & Ordered to be Recorded on the Oath of
Edmond Collins Jun.r one of the Subscribing Witnesses Then & there Sworn & Deposed
Says the Said Edmond Collins Sen.r & Rachel Phillips Signed
Said Will & Witnessed the same & Thomas Matthias the Exor
in the Said Will Named was Duly Qualified by Taking
the Oath by Law Directed; Ordered the Said Will to be Recorded
Test J. Montford C.C