

In the Name of God Amen the 11th day
of January 1769 I William Cox of Halifax County in the
Province of North Carolina King Dick in Body But of God and ~~and~~
memory thanks be to almighty God and calling to Remembrance the
uncertain Estate of this Transitory life and that all flesh must yield
to death when it shall please God to call to make Constitute & ordain
and Declare this my last will and Testament in Manner and form
following Revoking and annulling by these Presents all and every
Testament and Testaments Will and Wills here to fore by me
made and Declared Either by word or writing and this is taken
only for my last will and Testament and none other
and first being Penitent and sorry from the Bottom of my heart
for every sin I have done Humbly beg forgiveness for the same
I Give and Commit my Soul unto the Hands of almighty
God my Saviour and Redeemer in Whome and by the Merits
of Jesus Christ I trust and believe assuredly to be saved
and to have full Remission of all my Sins and that my
Soul with my body at a General Day of Resurrection
shall Rise again with Joy and through the Merits of
Christ's Death and Passion Passes and Inherit the Kingdom
of Heaven Prepared for his Elect and Chosen and my body
to be buried in such a place where it shall please the
Executors hereafter Named to appoint and now for the settling
of my Temporal Estate and such Goods Chattels and
Debts as it hath pleased God for a time my deserts to bestow
upon me. I do Give and Dispose the Same in Manner
and form following that is to say first I will that all those
Debts and dues as I owe in Right or Conscience to any
manner of Person or Persons whatsoever shall be Well
and truly Contented and paid within convenient time

after my decease by my executors hereafter named I then I
Give unto my beloved wife the whole and sole use and benefit
of all my Lands, and Premises Goods and Chattels during
her Widowhood, I then I Give unto my son John Cox my
Manner Plantation where on I now live together with the
Lands as followeth Beginning at a Red Oak on the back
line running by a line marked East Corner to the Gum
Spring Branch & down the Branch to Rocky Swamp
from thence down Rocky Swamp the various courses of
the said Swamp till Opposite against my Corner line on the
East side of the said Swamp including all the Lands now
possessed on the East ~~of~~ side of the said Swamp and bounded
as will appear of Record &c. to to him & his heirs for ever,
and also I then I Give to my son John Cox my Negro Boy James
and Daniel to him and his heirs for ever
I then I Give to my ^{son} ~~son~~ ^{son} Presby Cox the Land
as followeth Bounded by a line of marked trees
Beginning at a Red Oak the Back line from thence by
the said line marked East Corner to the Gum Spring
Branch thence down the said Branch to Rocky Swamp
thence down the said Swamp to Smiths Branch from
thence up Smiths Branch by my established line
Beginning to him and his heirs for ever and also
I then I Give to my son Presby Cox my Negro
Moll and my Negro Boy Pate to him and his heirs
for ever and also I Give to my son Presby Cox the
priviledg and benefit of one third of my Orchard
and during the term of seven years provided here
that he shall find proportionate part of assistance
in securing the Liquid &c. and as for my Negro
Mench Nell I do Order Give and Dispose in the manner
following that is to say at the death of my Looma wife
she to be sold and the money so arising to be Equally
Divided amongst my three Children viz. John Cox

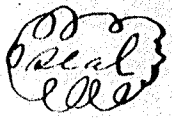
from thence down Rocky Swamp the various courses of
the said Swamp till Opposite against my Lovers line on the
East side of the said Swamp including all the Lands now
grown on the East ~~of~~ side of the said Swamp and bound
as will appear of Record &c. to to him & his heirs for ever,
and also I Give to my Son John & my Negro Boy James
and Daniel to him and his heirs for ever
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Sarah Thurt and Presby Cox and in case the said
wench should have a child before the time of the said
Division I Give the property of her child - born from
this time forward to my son John Cox and in case she
should have more than one child that all Over come
be Equally Divided Between my two sons and also
my will affixed on Rocky Swamp to be Equally divided
~~amongst~~ ^{between} my two sons Reserving always Spem

Hurst to have his Grain Ground Sole free during
the time of the Mill Continuing in the Name & Place
Cox: &c

I Item I Give unto Nancy Hunt a Child now living with
me the sum of Four pounds Cash or Credit in
and lastly of all as for their Goods and Chattels and have
not made Mention by this my last will and Testament
I desire they should be Equally divided between my two sons
John & Presby

I do heretofore appoint my Loving wife Mary Cox and my
son John Cox and Presby Cox my whole & sole Exors
of this my last will Testament in Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and
Year afore written
Test.

Jr^o. Sulerant
Presby Cox
John Cox

William ^{his} Cox 
Barrister

Halifax County Ist. May Court 1772. That the foregoing
will was exhibited in open Court & duly proved by the
 oath of Presby Cox a Witness thereto & on Motion Ordered
to be Recorded

Test Jr^o. Montg^o. C. C.