

William Burgess Will

In The Name of God Amen I William Turner of the County of Halifax
in the State of North Carolina being Weak of body but of a good Memory Knowing
that it is decreed for all men once to die do Make and Ordain this to be my Last
Will and testament Primis by and first of all I give my soul to god who gave
it me and my body to be buried in a Christian like Manner by my executors
hereafter named Item I give and bequeath to my loving Wife Mary Turner. all my moveable
estate during her Widowhood after her death or Marriage to be equally divided
amongst all my Children Item I give and bequeath to my Son Lewis one
hundred Acres of land be the same More or less, whereon he now lives lying on the
North Side of his Mill Swamp, to the Wardens of the said Swamp also half an
acre on the South Side of the Swamp Giving the Mile to him and his heirs for
ever, and in case he should die without him then the land to be sold and the money
therefrom to be equally divided amongst all my Children
Item I give and bequeath to my Son Gabriel Turner. one hundred & twenty
acres of land be the same More or less whereon he now lives and to his Son

Having thirty acres of land passing his tract lying at the lower end of my main
plantation to him and then him for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Turner one hundred acres of land be the same
more or less, which he then owes to him and his heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Peter Turner one hundred acres of land be the
same more or less being part of the land I bought of Moses Grace to the meadows
of the Swamp to him and his heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my son James Turner the land I bought of John
Coleman lying and being in the forks of the road that goes to Halifax to him and
his heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Turner the residue of the
plantation I now live on after his Mother's death or marriage to him & his heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Henry Turner the land I bought of
William By containing two Hundred and Sixty three acres be the same more or
less to him and his heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Turner one hundred & fifty acres of
land being part of the land I bought of William Southwold, and if she should be
without or her lawfully begotten of her body the land to be sold and the money
arising therefrom to be equally divided amongst all my children

Item My Will and desire is that the land I bought of John Grace be & partly two
acres and the land I bought of Robert Currier be & partly two

up to him and his heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Turner one hundred & fifty acres of
land being part of the land I bought of William Southwicks, and if she should be
deceased as her lawfully begotten of her body the land to be sold and the money
arising therefrom to be equally divided amongst all my children

Item My will and desire is that the land I bought of John Grace being nearly two
acres and the land I bought of Robert Powers being forty acres and one hundred
I bought of William Southwicks to be sold and the money arising therefrom to be
equally divided amongst all my children

Item I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Edwin Turner and my son Peter
Turner and my son Judson Turner Executors of this my last will and testament
working all bills or debts that have been made by me heretofore July 2nd 1786

Signed sealed and delivered

in presence of

Mr. Church. James Scarbock, George Wallace

William ^{his} Turner 

Attest County of Worcester County 1786 That this will was exhibited in open
Court and duly proved by the oath of George Wallace one of the subscribing
Witnesses thereto. Whereupon Edwin Turner and Judson Turner qualified
as Executors thereto. And ordered to be recorded

That Mr. Northey