

William Witherspoons
Isaac Witherspoons
Executors
John Witherspoons, ^{Secy}
his hand and
Test William Witherspoons Read
Test John Long Jurat

December 25th 1810. In the name of God Amen
I Thomas Gray of Truitt County & State of North Carolina,
being in a very true condition of body but of perfect mind & memory do
make this my last will & testament in manner as followeth Viz.
First of all I ^{do} commend ~~my~~ my soul to God who gave it & my body to
the dust, to be buried in a decent & Christian manner as becometh
Christianity. And as touching my small estate which it has pleased
God to enrich me with I do dispose of in manner as follows.
Item I do will & bequeath to my loving wife Polly Gray, the one third
of all my personal property, during her life, & at her disposal at
her death with her living off my lands & the dwelling House I
now live in with my negre girl Iris for life time.
I do will that such a part of my personal property as is necessary
be sold to pay of all Just debts. Item I do will & bequeath unto my
beloved son John Gray, one hundred acres of the land I now live on
on the south side. Item I do will & bequeath to my beloved son James
Gray, one hundred acres of the ^{same} ~~same~~ ^{place} being at the north east corner
& running to the best advantage for land & water.

call in to lay it of so as it may average with I not injure the remaining
part, to be laid of when he is of age, or at his mothers death.

Item I do will & bequeath to my beloved son Thomas Gray, all the
remainder of this plantation after the former Disposition is made with
the dwelling House at his mothers Death Also, as to my lands which lye
in the state of Tennessee I dispose of it in the following manner i.e.
my son J^r. shall choose two men in that State, I divide off four
Hundred Acres more or less to the best advantage in quality & water.
One for himself & one for each of my other three sons, & the remainder
part of the disposed of at the best advantage for the support of the family,
also he shall have power to dispose of any of the other parts at any
time before they come of age (each of them casting lots for their share)
And the money arising for the same to be given for the use of
them to whom the share belongs. Also I do will, that my negro
man Dave be employed in the support of the family. Also my negro
woman Lris, I do will to be divided, with her issue at the death
of my wife among my beloved daughters Ellen, Polly, Jane, Betty
& Peggy. Also the rest of my property not before disposed of, to be for
the support of the family, & if there is any thing to spare each as
they marry or come of age may have a divide. I am account
kept thereof to settle the same with them at the last. also all the
estate personal to be equally divided among all my children
when the youngest comes of age or at their mothers death in case
she should not survive untill they are all of age. Only Scotts

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Family Bible I leave for the equal use of all my family, & no one may
may take or dispose of the same unless in case of removal distant
from the rest they may sell their part to the others.

I do hereby appoint my trusty friends James Stewart, & John
Andrew Executors of this my last will & Testament I revoke & disannul
all other wills or Testaments heretofore by me made, in witness
whereof I have set my hand & Seal this day & year above written

Test
I Gray Surat
James Houston

(Read)

Thomas Gray

In the name of God Amen
I Nancy Kemp of the County of Iredell and
State of North Carolina