

Will of John Oliver

In the name of God Amen the 27th day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred, and eighty seven I John Oliver of Johnston County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God, I therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say firstly and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God, that gave it and for my body I recommend, to the earth to be buried in a christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate as hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

- First I give and bequeath unto my ^{beloved} son Thomas Oliver two hundred acres of land lying on Dismals branch the west side of Moosoon Swamp and all my books.
- Item I give to my beloved son Stephen Oliver one hundred acres of land, the west side Moosoon Swamp joining my son John Oliver's land also one young horse bridle and saddle.
- Item I give unto my son Henry Oliver two hundred acres of land lying on the Woody Branch and Woods branch the north side Moosoon Swamp also one sow and pigs.
- Item I give unto my beloved son Mitchell Oliver the land and plantation whereon I live after his mother's decease also one shot gun.
- Item I give unto my beloved son John Oliver one sow and pigs and one ewe and lamb.
- Item I give unto my beloved daughter Elizabeth Oliver one feather bed and furniture one cow and calf one sow and pigs.
- Item I give unto my beloved daughter Elmer Oliver one cow and calf one ewe and lamb.

Item I lend unto Sarah my beloved wife all and every part and parcel of my estate not already above mentioned, after the payment of my just debts all to her own use during her widowhood and then to be equally divided among the above named children I also constitute and appoint my wife Sarah and son Thomas Oliver executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disannul all and every other former testament wills and legacies and execution by me bequeath satisfying ~~out~~, confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written signed, seal and published by the said John Oliver to be his last will and testament in presence of

John Oliver (seal)

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 Shadsack ^{his} Pearce
 Jesse ^{his} ~~mark~~ Spencer