

Will of Thomas Arora

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Arora of Johnston County, being Weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory bless be God to this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven make this my last will and Testament that is to say:

I Commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried by the directions of my Executors in a Christian manner: as to my worldly goods which it has pleased God to bestow on me I desire they may be disposed of in the following manner (to wit) I desire that all my just debts be paid out of my estate by my Executors.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary two beds & furniture one more named Dorke one side saddle and bridle, five cows and calves two Steers one Bull and five Sows and other pigs one pot and books and iron rock half a dozen chairs one table one wooden wheel, one trunk, one linen wheel, one chest, all my tubs, pails and piggins. One large pewter dish four bowls, four plates and teaspoons. I also leave to my beloved wife one negro named Jane during her natural life, also one negro wench named Liza during the term of ten years and at the expiration of the said term of ten years the said negro wench here to her children and the children of the said negro wench Jane to be equally divided between all my children at the discretion of my Executors or by the discretion of the Court. I also leave the third part of my lands and plantation to my beloved wife during her life or widowhood.

I give and bequeath to my beloved son William Arora all my lands and plantation lying above the Mill branch to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my beloved son Thomas Arora one negro girl named Liza and all my right of the land and plantation willed to me by my brother John Arora to him & his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my beloved son Leden Arora all my Land and plantation below the Mill branch to him & his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my beloved daughters Anne Hastings and Edith Hallings Five shillings each.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter

Thirty-five pounds specie to be levied out of my estate.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Barshala Anna
Thirty-five pounds specie to be levied out of my estate

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Winnifred Anna
Thirty-five pounds specie to be levied out of my estate

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Zilpha Anna
Thirty-five pounds specie to be levied out of my estate.

Item I Reserve Fifty pounds specie to be laid out by my Executors
in schooling my children out of my estate.

The Remainder part
of my estate after all the legacies is paid off to be equally
divided between all my children and to be sold at the discretion
of my Executors. And I do hereby constitute and
appoint my worthy friends Alexander Anna and William
Anna and my beloved wife Mary Anna Executors and
Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the
said Thomas Anna to this my last Will and Testament set
my hand & seal the day and year above written
signed sealed published and
declared by the said Thomas Anna
the Testator as his last Will and
Testament in presence of us the
Subscribing Witnesses

Thomas Anna (scl)

Aaron Vinson
John Vinson
John Abbott

Johnston County May Term 1787.
This Will was exhibited in open Court and duly sworn by
the Oaths of Aaron Vinson & John Vinson & admitted to
Record
P. Sanders cler