

In the Name of God Amen I Enoch Joy of the County of Jones
and State of North Carolina seriously considering the uncertainty of human
life and mindful of the obligation upon every man to leave his affairs in
order and being at this time weak of body but of sound mind and
memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament. First of all

I commend my soul to that almighty being who gave it to me trusting in the
merit of the atoning blood of Jesus Christ - my sorrow that he will give
me a glorious immortality and after my decease I wish my body to
be decently interred &c. and as it regards the worldly goods which I have
pleased God to bestow on me - I wish wish it to be disposed of as follows

Item the 1st I give to my beloved wife Rachel Joy two Beds Bedsteads
& furniture to her her heirs and assigns forever and do lend her three
Beds bedsteads & furniture for the use of the Family also lend her my
Barouche & horse Saml & Saml & Harnes - I further give her an Secretary
and dozen Chair, two Tables & all the Kitchen furniture to her her heirs and
assigns for ever - Item the 2^d I give unto my daughter Nancy Stanton
and Negro Girl manna Heperly which I have lately sent her to her
heirs and assigns forever having already advanced her in life

Item the 3rd I give unto my son Joseph I. Joy and note of Honor which I
hold against him for Ninety two Dollars having already advanced
him in life by deed of Gift Item the 4th I give unto my son Miles Joy
the following Namea Negroes Jim, Tom, Anaca & her Children Henry,
Alfred & Bela, Sidney & her Child Lucy to him his heirs & assigns forever

Item 5. I give unto my son Charles Henry Joy the following Namea

Negroes Tony, Jude, Ephraim, Harriet, Silly & Lettie also one tract
of Land lying on Mill Creek & both sides of Paradise Branch which
I purchased of Miles Joy, containing about seven hundred acres
to him his heirs and assigns forever Item 6 I give unto my two
youngest sons Thomas D. Joy and Franklin Joy all the rest and

residue of my lands to be divided as follows beginning at the mouth
of the Beaver Dam Branch when it enters into the Pecan Branch running
up the Beaver dam to the market Bridge & a Black gum & short leaf Pine
thence a strait line to the mouth of Skinner Branch when it enters in
the Beaver Dam then up the various courses of the Skinner Branch to the
Beaufort Road thence a strait line to the mouth of the East ditch at
the Sana Redgo thence up the ditch to the Pecan & along the Pecan
to my back line Thomas D. Joy to have all the lands I own lying on
the East side of said line & Franklin Joy to have all the lands I own
lying on the West side of said line including the mention tracts
wherein I now live to them their heirs and assigns forever,

Item 7 I give unto my son Thomas D. Joy the following Namea Negroes
Servis, Arvo, Mary, John & Agnes and the set of Blacksmiths tools
two Beds & furniture now in his possession to him his heirs and
assigns forever. Item 8 I give unto my daughter Caroline Forester,
two Beds & furniture one of which is already in her possession having
heretofore advanced her in life by deed of Gift -

Item 9 I give the following many a Negroes to be Equally & fairly
 divided between my Wife Rachel and my six youngest Children
 that is Francis, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Franklin, Sally and Harriet Joy
 viz, Lane, Jerry Lamb, Mariah, York, Phillis, and Phillis Moses,
 Margaret, Charles, Morris, Charlotte, Kellie, Blunt, Arto, Mingo,
 Ruth, Sampson, Coates, Bide, Henry, Miles, Cloz, (John Pollard, Rachel,
 Mary Nelson, Lip, John Barber, Mediah, Dick, Anthony, Book, Oliver
 Medhala, George, Abner, Ben, Frank, to them their heirs and assigns
 for ever. Item 10 I give unto my two Grand Children Mariah & Enock
 Children of James Joy decd. Nine Negroes (viz, Joy, Squire, Sarcas,
 Olya, Phillip Nelson, Mannida, Mingo, & Mall to be equally & fairly
 divided between them as they arrive of age or marry if either of them should
 die before they arrive of age & leaving no issue, my devise is the surviving
 one shall have the whole if both should die leaving no issue then I devise
 it should return to my Children & be equally divided among all my
 surviving Children to them their heirs and assigns for ever.
 Item 11 my wife and devise is that all my Crop Stock Horses, Cattle
 Hogs & Sheep House hold furniture farming utensils should be sold
 and a credit of six months and after paying all my just debts &
 necessary expenses to be equally & fairly divided between my Wife
 and all my surviving Children to them their heirs and assigns.
 for ever. Lastly I Nominate my two Sons Miles Joy Charles H. Joy
 & my friend William Washington of Craven County Executors to this
 my last will & testament given under my hand & seal this 25th day
 of July A.D. 1842

In presence of J. H. Joy
 Witness James W. Messer
 J. D. Joy Caroline Messer

Enoch Joy (Seal)

N.B. My devise is that my old man Will should stay on the
 plantation to assist the family under the protection of my Executors
 C. Joy (Seal)

State of North Carolina, County of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
 James County } In Open Court - Assessed Term A.D. 1842
 there was the Execution of the last will and testament of Enoch Joy decd.
 proved in due form of law by the oath of James Messer and of the Sub-
 scribing Ministers thereof and thereupon Miles Joy and Charles H. Joy
 two of the Executors therein named were duly Qualified as Executors
 of the last will and testament of the said Enoch Joy decd & the said last
 will and testament was ordered to be Registered

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