

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Higgins of the County of Worcester
 and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect
 mind & memory / Thanks be to God / but calling to mind the Mortality of our Bodies
 and Thinking it is appointed for all men Once to Die I have hereunto Committed and
 Appoint this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following
 I wish I should unto loving wife Francis Higgins the sum of my two Negroes Moll
 and Kate during her Natural Life and of the her Issues I give my Payson wife
 to my son John Higgins his heirs or Assigns and my Payson Kate to my son Thomas Higgins
 his heirs or Assigns —
 Now I Give and Bequeath to my wife Francis Higgins his heirs or Assigns my
 boy now called John & his Rattle and Saddle also give my wife during which
 of Rattle —
 Now I Give and Bequeath to my son John Higgins his heirs or Assigns all that
 plantation I had of land which I bought of my Brother William Higgins late
 give my son John Higgins his heirs or Assigns the following parcels of land
 To wit the plantation and all the land on the North side of the road which
 which I bought of Joseph Moore known by the name of Myne and part of that
 West part of the tract of land in Butler County on the North side of the river
 Swamp which I bought of my Cousin Mollie — Now I Give and Bequeath to my
 son John Higgins his heirs or Assigns one Black Walnut Desk one Black
 Walnut folding Table & also New England Chairs —
 Now I Give and Bequeath to my son Thomas Higgins his heirs or Assigns
 the plantation where on I now live with all the land thereunto belonging
 also give my son Thomas Higgins his heirs or Assigns all the land
 part of the land in Butler County which I bought of Mr. Cresswell between the
 river Swamp and the river also give my son Thomas Higgins the remaining part
 of the land which I bought of Joseph Moore lying on the South side of the road
 branch that I now live upon mentioned —
 To my son John Higgins I also give give and Bequeath to my son Thomas Higgins
 his heirs and Assigns my best and one Black Walnut folding Table & also new
 England Chairs — Now I Give and Bequeath to my son John Higgins his heirs and
 Assigns the plantation and all the land thereunto belonging which I bought
 of Joseph Cresswell also give and Bequeath to my son John Higgins
 or Assigns one thousand pounds for want money of this State
 my son John Higgins his heirs or Assigns one Negro girl named

John Higgins

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 Now I Give and Bequeath to my daughter Mary Higgins his heirs or Assigns
 one Negro boy named Lewis and also the said James for want money of this
 State to be paid out of my Estate —
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 one Negro boy named Lewis and also the said James for want money of this
 State to be paid out of my Estate —
 Now I Give and Bequeath to the remainder of my Negroes that I own at the time of my
 mentioned or given in legacies to be equally divided between my son John
 Higgins Thomas Higgins Mary Higgins Catherine Higgins Mary
 Higgins & John Higgins and their heirs or Assigns then and there to
 the which I Reserve it to my wife and her heirs except be told my son
 John Higgins to pay for age or marriage
 Now I Give and Bequeath the remainder of my estate (consisting of my
 land whereon that is not herein before mentioned or given in legacies of my
 my said Estate as far as to be equally divided between my wife Francis
 Higgins and my six children herein before mentioned and their heirs or
 Assigns Share and Share alike —
 Now Lastly I nominate constitute and Appoint William Williams
 Blake Baker Higgins and Samuel Williams Executors to this my
 my last will and Testament truly Reading and Reconsidering all these
 things made by me In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal the 2nd day of October 1777 —
 By the said Thomas Higgins to be his
 last will & Testament in presence of us
 Samuel Higgins
 John Higgins
 Thomas Higgins

