

herein named should die before the above Legacies are their property, I Order that their children shall be Heirs of Part of my Estate here bequeathed to their parent by me, I like wise constitute & appoint Robert Harris ^{son} son to Charles Harris and my two sons Samuel & John to be my Executors of this my last will & Testament. And my two sons Samuel & John & Charles Harris son Robert to be Executors for my two daughters Sarah & Mary & my Daughter Sarah's son Baptist.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 14th day of October in the year of our Lord 1778.

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of us

who in testimony hereof have set our hands as Witnesses

Samuel Gingles

Adley Gingles

Margaret Gingles

James Harris

" In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Thomas of the County of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind & memory thanks be to God therefor, calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make & Ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say Principally & first of all I give my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body I recommend to the dead to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors & as touching such worldly Estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give & dispose of the same in the following manner & for use, Viz - I give & bequeath unto Sarah Thomas my dearly beloved wife all & singular that part of my Estate which became mine at our intermarriage & which she was entitled to by her former Husband the property of which was lost that day before she became my wife -

Then I give & bequeath to Allen Thomas my beloved son the one half of the Value of all my Lands & Tenements -

Then I give & bequeath unto Joseph Thomas my beloved son the other half of the Value of all my Lands as aforesaid -

Then I give & bequeath unto Lucy Thomas my beloved Daughter all and

Singular my wife & had letters & wearing apparel which belonged to my Thomas my former wife which is now in the care & custody of James - I say as it is further my will & pleasure that my Executor after my decease should sell & dispose of so much of my Estate as may be sufficient for the payment of my just debts & that after my just debts are paid the remainder of my Estate should remain in his hands & so disposed as he shall think most for the advantage of my two sons, It is further my will & pleasure that all the remainder be equally divided between Allen & Joseph Thomas when they respectively to the age of Twenty one years. - Then I give & bequeath unto James Bryan my brother in law all & singular my lands & Tenements to him his heirs & assigns forever in trust nevertheless that he as soon as conveniently may be after my decease may sell & dispose of the same for the best price that may be had & the money arising from that sale be divided as herein before directed. It is further my will & pleasure that in case any of my children should die before the age of Twenty one years & before marriage that then & in that case such Legacies should be equally divided among the surviving Legates - And I do hereby constitute & appoint James Bryan my brother in law my sole Executor of this my last will & Testament, & do hereby utterly disallow revoke & disannul all & every other former Testaments wills Legacies & Executors by me in any wise or manner written or bequeathed before Attesting this & no other to be my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I the said Joseph Thomas have hereunto set my hand & seal this 2^d day of February 1782.

Signed sealed pronounced & declared by the said Joseph Thomas as his last will & Testament in the presence of us who on his presence & in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names

William Orr
Sarah Allen
Neh Alexander

Joseph Thomas