

State of North Carolina } In the name of God: Amen
Hertford County } I, David Morrison of the County aforesaid
being in good health & sound in memory for which I desire to
testify & Almighty God the giver & Creator of all my mercies, you
at the same time when I consider the brevity of life and the
certainty of death I think it my indispensible duty to order my
family affairs in such a manner whilst I am capable as shall be
most just fitting & best; and proceed I humbly hope under the
direction in manners following viz when it shall please
Almighty God to remove this body & disperse this soul to
break up that Union in a while by death I desire to be inter-
ly resigned to his Sovereign will to be there at home or abroad
may his Grace prepare me for the important loyal Union.

Now 1st The solemn moment being come my body I commit to the dust
in hope of a joyful resurrection, and my soul into my heavenly
Father's hands Thro' the merits of my sweet Lord Jesus whom
it is by a dear bought purchase my body to be decently
buried up at home & in a Christian like manner at the dis-
cretion of my Executors out of my undivided estate. But if
Abroad The God in whose trust will superintend the solemnity
in his gracious providence to whom I am not to prescribe -

Now 2^d I do hereby Order that my Just & lawful debts be paid out
of my Estate Real & Personal; after which I bequeath unto my
dear & loving wife Annabella Morrison the Negro household
then during her widowhood or natural life & to be at her own
disposal at her death as a dowry exclusion of the proper third

Now 3rd I bequeath unto my eldest daughter Hannah there are lent to the
value of Three pounds ten shillings in the Year 1772 -

Now 4th The remainder of my Estate Real & Personal after the above named
Distribution, I do hereby Order & request to be equally divided between
my seven remaining children viz Margaret Ellen & Jane, William
John, Alexander & Amos & some can receive an equal part
except Margaret who has both married & great part already
but must settle for what she hath received as so much of her part

Now 5th I do hereby constitute & declare my dear & loving & second person
of my wife last meet at her own choice to be my sole & true Executor to

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family affairs in such a manner whilst I am capable as to do so
most just, fitting & best; and pruned I humbly hope under the
direction in manner following, viz when it shall please
Almighty God who formed this body & infused wisdom to
break up that Union. In a while by death I desire to be inte-
ly resigned to his Sovereign will be that at home is a bond
may his Grace prepare me for the important loyal Com-
ment.

Now 1st The solemn moment being come my body I commit to the dust
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Father's hands Thro' the merits of my sweet Lord Jesus whom
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Now 2^d I do hereby Order that my Just & lawful debts be paid out
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dear & loving wife Annabella Morrison the Negro household
servants during her widowhood or natural life & to be her own
disposal at her death as a necessary inclusion of the proper things
I give & bequeath unto my eldest daughter Hannah Starr one lot to the
value of Three hundred ten shillings in the year 1772 -

Now 3^d The remainder of my Estate Real & personal after the above named
Distribution, I do hereby Order & request to be equally divided betwixt
my seven remaining Children viz Margaret, John & Jane, William
John, Alexander, Amelia & James each to receive an equal part
except Margaret who has both received a great part already
but must still for what she hath received as so much of her part

Now 4th I do hereby constitute & declare my dear & beloved wife & second person
if my wife shall meet at her own choice to be my sole & lawful Executor to
do all & every part thereof as the will meet me one day before the
Judge of the Peace I hereby set aside all other last wills heretofore in me
made being this my last will & testament the witnesses before of the said

The 10th day of June 1781.
Ann. Morrison

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