

In the name of God Amen I Robert Marquis of the State of N^o
Carolina & County of Charleston, being in a very low state of health
at present, but blessed be God as yet, I am possessed of a sound mind &
disposing memory & calling to mind the mortality of the body & that
it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make Public & constitute
& appoint this & this only to be my last will & Testament in manner &
form following Viz Principally & first of all I give & bequeath my
Spirit to God who gave it to me, nothing doubting but I shall
receive the same again at the resurrection by the mighty power
of God, And as touching what worldly Estate it hath pleased God
to bestow upon me in this life, my will & pleasure is, that they be
disposed of in the following manner & form Viz

Item I give & bequeath to my ever loving wife Mary Marquis, one bed & all
the bed clothes belonging to the same also one bedstead & the to have her share
of the beds, also a Strawberry Roan'd Mare, & two Cows such as she may
choose, also two sheep, & the third of all my Draper, Furniture to wit
as well of Metal such as pots, pans & all other vessels be it wood
or Pewter & the third as aforesaid, also confirming to my surviving wife
all her own clothes of every kind & her saddle & bridle 1684 To my
son Robert I give & bequeath a certain Iron Horse, Saddle &
Bridle, also one cow, also two sheep 1684 To my loving son John
I give & bequeath a certain young bay mare, commonly called his,
also one cow. 1684 I give & bequeath to my loving daughter
Margaret a certain Strawberry Roan'd filly & yearling foal also one
cow, also a bed & furniture such as she may choose.

Item I give & bequeath to my loving daughter Mary a certain young sound
Cott, also one cow & calf also one bed & furniture 1684 I give & bequeath
to my loving daughter Sarah a certain bay mare, one cow.

Item I give & bequeath to my my loving son James a certain Iron Horse,
mare, one cow also one sheep; 1684 I give & bequeath to my loving son
William two Cows & two calves also two sheep. Item I give and
bequeath to my youngest daughter expected to be called Jane a saddle
to be raised out of the remainder of my personal Estate not bequeathed to any
And all the remainder of my Goods & Chattels not already bequeathed
I desire to be sold, out of which all my Just Debts are to be paid &
also my funeral charges, & the balance may then remain of my Estate

It is appointed for all men once to die, Do make herein & constitute
I appoint this & this only to be my last will & Testament in manner &
form following Viz Principally & first of all I give & bequeath my
spirit to God who gave it to me, nothing doubting but I shall
receive the same again at the resurrection by the mighty power
of God, And as touching what worldly Estate it hath pleased God
to bestow me with in this life, my will & pleasure is, that they be
disposed of in the following manner & form Viz

Item I give & bequeath to my ever loving wife Mary Magwood, one bed & all
the bed clothes belonging to the same also one bedstead she to have her share
of the beds also a Strawberry Doanid mare, & two Cows such as she may
choose, also two sheep, & the third of all my drift, furniture to wit
as well of Metal such as pots, pans & all other vessels be it wood
or Pewee & the third be as aforesaid, also confirming to my ever loving wife
all her own clothes of every kind & her saddle & bridle 1684. To my
son Robert I give & bequeath a certain Iron Horse, Saddle &
bridle, also one cow, also two sheep. 1684 To my loving son John
I give & bequeath a certain young bay mare, commonly called his
also one cow. 1684 I give & bequeath to my loving daughter
Margaret a certain Strawberry Doanid filly & yearling foal also one
cow, also a bed & furniture such as she may choose.

Item I give & bequeath to my loving daughter Mary a certain young son
Cott, also one cow & calf also one bed & furniture. 1684 I give & bequeath
to my loving daughter Hannah a certain bay mare, one cow.

Item I give & bequeath to my my loving son James a certain Iron Horse,
mare, one cow also one sheep; 1684 I give & bequeath to my loving son
William two Cows, & two calves also two sheep. 1684 I give and

bequeath to my youngest daughter expected to be called Jane a saddle
to be raised out of the remainder of my personal Estate not bequeathed
And all the remainder of my Goods & Chattels not already bequeathed
I desire to be sold, out of which all my Just Debts are to be paid &
also my funeral charges, & what else may then remain of my Estate
my will & pleasure is that it be equally divided among my three
youngest Children to wit James, William & Jane their share
of my Children should die before they come to maturity their
share to be equally divided among the rest of my Children to

then living. Provided Always that if my well loving wife should prefer to keep my children together & take of & settle the whole in their infancy & the boys untill they are fit to be put to trade, then & in that case my will & pleasure is that each of my Wags & let settle as my Executors may think proper be Rescued for that purpose. And Lastly, I do constitute Ord & appoint my Trusty & well beloved brother in law Richard Brown & my loving cousin John Neely to be my whole & sole Executors of this my last will & testament, And do hereby revoke, Revoke, Rescind & refuse all will & devise heretofore made, made, I do publish, pronounce & declare this & that only to be my last will & testament. As witness my hand & seal This 15th of September 1785

Signed, sealed, pronounced, & declared in the presence of

Robert Brown

John Neely

Richard Brown

Robert Maxwell { Seal }
 { Seal }

To all Christians people whom their present may concern
 I know yet that I am a slave of North Carolina County in the
 Independent State of North Carolina, having long laboured under
 severe chronic disease by which the disposition of my soul
 & body appears to be nearly approaching & as I have been
 am singularly blessed with the use of my senses & reasoning
 powers (Thanks be to my all bounteous God that when he aff
 with the one hand, he adds & freely give singular blessing and
 the other) I now therefore make this my last will & testament
 viz I recommend my soul to my all gracious & sin pardoning
 God, And my poor decaying cloying body I give to the
 believing that by the Almighty power of God they will again
 be reunited at the last & divine day, when thro' the merits
 mediation of my only Saviour Jesus Christ, I hope to
 a glorious immortality. And as touching such worldly
 goods as I have I do bequeath to the poor & needy
 of the same in the following manner & form