

In the name of God Amen. This 16th day of March in the year
of our Lord 1772 I Thomas Black of Mecklenburg County in the
Province of North Carolina, being in a low state of health, but
in perfect mind and memory & calling to mind the mortality
of Manhood & that it is appointed for all to die, for all have
sinned. I do give & constitute this my last will & Testament
First of all I recommend my Soul into the hands of my merciful
Creator who gave it me, nothing doubting but in the general
Resurrection I shall receive it again, Next it is my Will that
my body be buried in a decent manner. It is also my Will that
my several Charges & all my Just debts be paid & that Wordly
Substances it has pleased God to bestow on me, I dispose of
it in form & manner following.

I give & bequeath to my loving Nephew William Black (son to my
brother William Black) one Negro man & Negro woman named
Jack & Bob. Likewise I give with unto the said William Black
my right of what John Spriggs has is due to me by note
likewise on note due on John Allen, Likewise I Bequeath
unto the said William Black one feather bed & furniture, likewise
all my Stock of Black Cattle & sheep & all my household stuff
including & my Wagon & my saddle & all the money that is in my
Chest — I give & bequeath to my Cousin Thomas Black
(son to William Black) one Negro boy named Tom. — I give to
to my Cousin son to my Nephew William Black, I leave and
bequeath one Negro boy named Sam. — I give to my nephew
John Black I give & bequeath all my Stock of horses & one
feather bed & furniture thereof, & the money that is due to
to me. — I give & bequeath to my Cousin William Black (son to
Ezekiel Black) five shillings Sterling. — I do make
ordain & appoint my true & lawful Nephew William Black
to be Executor of this my last will & Testament. In witness
whereof I the said Thomas Black have to this my last will
& Testament set my hand & Seal, this bearing & reaching all bearing
after will & well, hereupon in me made in the presence of the
underwritten Witnesses, to wit: —

friend. I do again & constitute this my last will & Testament
First of all I recommend my soul into the hands of my merciful
creator who gave it me, nothing doubting in aid of the general
Resurrection I shall receive it again, but it is my will that
my body be buried in a decent manner. It is also my will that
my funeral charges & all my last debts be paid & that worldly
substances it has pleased God to bless me with, I dispose of
it in form & manner following -

Item I give & bequeath to my loving nephew Stephen William Black (son to my
brother William Black) one Negro man & Negro woman named
Jack & Bob. Likewise I give & bequeath unto the said William Black
my right of what John Spragg has is due to me by note
known as on note due on John Allen Solomon. I bequeath
unto the said William Black one feather bed & furniture, known
all my stock of black cattle & sheep & all my household plow
ing & my wagon & my saddle & all the money that is in my
chest. - Item I give & bequeath to my cousin Thomas Black
(son to William Black) one Negro boy named Tom. - Item to
my cousin son to my nephew William Black, I leave and
bequeath one Negro boy named Sam. - Item to my nephew
John Black I give & bequeath all my stock of horses & one
feather bed & furniture thereof, & the money that is due to
me. - Item I bequeath to my cousin William Black (son to
Ezekiel Black) five shillings sterling. - I do make
do again & appoint my true & trusty nephew William Black
to be executor of this my last will & Testament. In witness
whereof I the said Thomas Black have to this my last will
& Testament set my hand & seal, this bearing & reaching date
above said & well, hereupon in me made in the presence of the
underwritten witnesses the day & year above written -
Signed sealed published & declared by the testator to be
his last will & Testament in the presence of us -

John Beadon
Noble Wilson
John Hare

Thomas Black {Seal}