

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Lyves of Hockliffe County
 & Province of M^{ts} Carolina being of sound mind & memory & consid-
 ering the uncertainty of life and knowing it is all that I
 am now doing do make & publish this my last will & Testament
 in manner following: first and of all things I recommend
 my soul unto the hands of God who gave it hoping to find
 mercy, and as for my body I recommend it to the earth to be
 buried in such usual like manner as the discretion of my next
 friends after my decease shall see my friends that my last debts and
 funeral expenses to be duly paid & discharged.

Then I give & bequeath unto my loving wife Mary Lyves a Bay
 mare & 6 saddle horses together with the third part of my estate
 also it is my last will & desire that my effects which is not hereafter
 divided together with the balance & surplus amount of which I
 have been to be duly paid & disposed of at publick sale
 and that both the one part of my estate may be remaining
 after my last debts, my funeral expenses and the Legacies
 made by this my will that the remainder be equally
 divided between my loving children Thomas Lyves
 Joseph Lyves Robert Lyves & Margaret Lyves also if my
 wife with child at the time of my decease if it should
 be born alive I desire that she should have an equal
 share with the other of my children.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my loving wife
 Mary Lyves my affectionate friend John Phifer to be
 my executor of this my last will & Testament, & making
 all other wills & Testaments hereafter by me made
 in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 Seal the 5th day of January 1776.

Witnessed, signed, & published
 for & as my last will & Testament in

presence of

Robert Lyves

Witnesses present

Thomas Lyves