

and by these presents do revoke all other wills & Testaments what  
soever he hath made, giving this as my last Will this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June  
in the year 1789 - And as such affixing my hand & seal to the same  
the day & year above written in presence of

Archibald White

James McDougal

John Love

James Campbell 

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Cochran of Northumberland County  
State of North Carolina, being at present weak in body but of a sound  
& disposing memory & understanding & calling to mind the uncertainty  
of this life & that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do  
make & ordain this my last will & Testament in manner & form  
following, Principally & first of all, I recommend my soul to God  
who gave it & my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like &  
decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named  
and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me  
with in this life I give & dispose of the same in the manner & form  
following; First I will that my just debts & several charges be  
paid and satisfied as soon as convenient after my decease -  
Item I give & bequeath unto my well beloved wife Sarah one feather bed &  
furniture, and so at her choice of any one of my cows & five calves  
besides what is allowed her as Dowry by Law, together with the usual  
benefit of the whole of the plantation whereon I now live for the  
sustaining &c of my children my youngest son, unto the age of 21  
years if so that she remains my widow but if during that time  
she marries she is thenceforth to have her part of the Land as  
is allowed by Law, and my children (such as is not then come  
of age) to be bound to learn trades, if my Executors shall so order  
so to do. - Item It is my will that the plantation whereon I now  
live containing 150 acres & a piece of adjoining the same containing  
65 acres together with another tract of Land on the Camp branch  
of Twelve mile Creek containing 200 acres, that the three aforesaid  
Tracts of Land be equally divided between my four youngest sons

My Eldest Son, John, William & Robert to be divided as they agree at  
the same. The said Robert is Twenty one years of age, or the younger  
Survivors of my Children be at the age of Twenty one years to them  
or the Survivors of them. When Years from In fe Simple —  
It is likewise my Will that my negro woman named Chloe remain  
to be with my Widow, for her & my Children use during her widow  
hood then to come to my four sons above named as an undivided  
right to be sold but for some notorious fault, least if it so  
happens that the said woman Chloe should have three Children  
before my youngest son or the surviving youngest be of full age  
that then my sons John, William & Robert shall each one of them  
have one of the said Children. John the eldest of them William the  
next eldest & Robert the next of the said woman & her increase be  
said to be the property of my son Elizee —

Item I Will that my son Thomas have a two year old Steer out of my  
Stock Immediately after my decease, but further that my son Thomas  
have given up to him his note of hand from him to me for two pounds  
ten or fifteen shillings & likewise a coat, jacket & breeches of my  
wearing Apparel of a pale blue colour of cotton & Linen the said  
Clothes to be given him up he comes or sends for them within two  
years after my decease — I like will that my Daughter Jean wife  
to Andrew Dea have one Guinea paid in one year after my decease  
And further it is my Will that my Stock of Horses, Cattle &c  
plantation tools, household furniture & all my personal Estate  
Remaining be left in Common with my Widow & our youngest  
sons before named, for their use & Maintenance until such time  
as my Widow Marries or my then youngest son be 21 years of age  
in the Stock Household furniture, plantation tools &c to be sold  
or divided into equal Shares amongst my Widow & my four youngest  
sons or the Survivors of them — And lastly I do hereby nominate  
& appoint my well beloved wife Sarah my son Elizee & John  
McCart to be the sole Executors, this my last Will & Testament, hereby  
revoking & making void all other Wills by me heretofore made, the  
Witness taken of them hereunto set my hand & Seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of

had them to come to my four sons above named as an undivided  
right to me & to be sold but for some notorious fault, but if it so  
happens that the said woman & child should have three children  
before my youngest son or the surviving youngest be of full age  
that then my sons John, William & Robert shall each one of them  
have one of the said children. John the eldest of them William the  
next eldest & Robert the next & the said woman & her increase be  
sides to be the property of my son Charles -

Item I will that my son Thomas have in two year etc. his share out of my  
Stock immediately after my decease, but I will that my son Thomas  
have given up to him his note of hand from him to me for two pounds  
ten or fifteen shillings & likewise a coat, jacket & breeches of my  
wearing Apparel of a pale blue colour of Colton & Linen the said  
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or divided into equal shares amongst my widow & my four youngest  
sons or the survivors of them - And lastly I do hereby nominate  
& appoint my well beloved wife Sarah my son Charles & John  
to be the sole Executors, this my last will & Testament, hereby  
repealing & making void all other wills by me heretofore made, the  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
January in the year of our Lord 1786 -

Published pronounced & sealed by the said Thomas Cookman  
to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us who at  
his request have subscribed our names as witnesses  
John Johnson  
M<sup>r</sup> H. ...  
M<sup>r</sup> ...

Thomas Cookman

