

divided between my two sons Alexander & William Equally
 Reserving the Est and from the partition since from time to time
 for my wife & daughters while they live in their present circum-
 stances If they should alter their life & leave the premises that
 Alexander & William pays to my daughters an Equal share of
 the first cost of the land. And the whole to be divided between them,
 And I will that my land over the river be sold by my Executors
 to discharge Debts, which I owe to be my loving wife and
 Richard McRee, this I appoint as my last Will & Testament
 signed in the presence of
 James Kennedy
 John McRee
 Richard McRee
 Robert McRee

In the Name of God Amen. The 8th day of February 1776 I Thomas
 Knighton of the County of Mecklenburg, Province of North Carolina
 planter being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind and
 knowing thanks be to God, therefore calling to mind the mortality
 of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die
 Do make & declare this my last Will & Testament. That is to say
 principally & first of all, I give & recommend my soul unto the
 hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to
 the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion
 of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection
 I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.
 And as touching such worldly estate which it hath pleased
 God to bless me with in this life, I give & dispose of in the
 following manner & form. Imprimis I give & bequeath unto my
 loving wife Elizabeth my whole Estate of Land, goods & chattels with
 her share & them to be divided Equally between my three sons
 John, Thomas & William. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke
 & disannul all former other former Testament, Testifying & confirming
 this to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above written

Signed, sealed, published pronounced & delivered by the said Thomas Knighton who last
 Will & Testament in the presence of us the undersigned
 James Kennedy, John Green, Thomas McRee
 Thomas Knighton