

Thomas Tysons Will

I Thomas Tyson of the County of Moore and State of North Carolina being of sound Mind and Memory do make publish and declare the following to be my last Will and Testament—

I give and devise to my son Joseph Tyson and his heirs a Tract of Land on Dupes River conveyed to me by John Gordon and disposed to contain about one hundred and fifty two acres also another small Tract adjoining the third line of said tract on the north side to be to be contained by running the fourth line across Camps till it shall strike my last line and on condition that he shall pay to my son Cornelius Tyson the sum of fifty Dollars in Eighteen Months after the probate of this my last Will and Testament—

I give and devise to my son Thompson Tyson and his heirs all that Tract or parcel of Land which I own that lies north East of the last above mentioned line and south West of my main tract to the River branch continuing up the same to my last line near the head of said branch at the Exception of half an acre be held is to be laid off in the most prudent and reasonable manner so as to give the best use and productivity of the big Spring, to bring my intentions that it shall remain free and clear for the use of the last described tract and to the owners of the tract below it—

I give and devise to my daughter Mary Wilkes and Margaret Tyson the Tract of Land which I formerly held and have by the name of my old place the upper line to begin at the river and at the mouth of the old field branch and to run along the old field thence up the said branch as far as there is any profitable bottom land then across that course till it strikes my most Westward line then round with the line of the lands belonging to Sarah Tysons Estate Gilbert and down the line to the river then up the river to the beginning—

I have and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Tyson for and during her Natural life all the Lands lying between the Tract above devised to Thompson Tyson and the Tract devised to my daughter Mary Wilkes and Margaret Tyson including the plantations between Snow line and at the death of my said wife I give and devise the Lands to my son William Dawson Tyson and my daughter Mahala Tyson to be equally divided between them but with the Exception that the use profits and benefits of the Ferry shall go to belong and come to my two sons Thompson Tyson and William Dawson Tyson and their heirs forever to commence from the time that my said son Thompson shall attain to the age of twenty one years—

I give and devise to my son William Dawson Tyson a tract of Land on the South side of the River containing two Hundred and thirteen acres and a third containing the Ferry landing which was conveyed to me by my Brother Benjamin Tyson Deceased—

I give and devise to my son Cornelius Tyson a tract of Land containing four hundred acres on both sides of the main road including the poplar Spring and the diggum Old field also one hundred acres joining the Poplar Spring lands on the South and East, and also fifty acres on the North and West of Cays Land—

I give and devise to my son John Tyson the following Tract of Land to-wit: one Hundred Acres that I purchased at Sheriff's sale as the property of John Carrell (deceased) one Hundred acres to the East of the above described Tract also granted to me, one Hundred acres to the North East of Carrell's lands granted to me, and two Hundred acres to the North of the last mentioned tract that was granted to me also—

I give and devise to my son Joseph Tyson fifty Acres of Land to be laid off in a square from out of that corner of a tract of three Hundred Acres that I purchased at Sheriff's sale as a plantation Land which is married to his Dwelling House—

The remainder of the said three Hundred Acres front and one Hundred Acres that that I purchased from John Carrell and also two Hundred Acres that was granted to me during the last mentioned Hundred Acres on the North East of the whole four Hundred and fifty Acres I give and devise to my daughter Elizabeth Wilkes and her heirs—

I give and devise to my Daughter Anne Burrough and her heirs three Hundred and fifty Acres of Land beginning Richard Dows South Dows and West Dows and also two Hundred Acres West of the Academy and East of Murdoch's Mill—

I think my beloved wife during her Natural life a Widowhood her heirs of any two of my Negroes also my desk and bookcase, I give and bequeath to her said said Tract and furniture, and one sixth part of all my personal Estate two thirds before my death—

It is my Will that my Executors herein after named shall pay to my two Daughters Margaret and Mahala the sum of fifty Dollars each to be paid to them when they shall respectively attain to the age of Eighteen years or on their Marriages—

It is my Will further that my Executors shall sell the remainder of my personal Estate not herein expressly bequeathed or devised except my Negroes on a credit of one year and after the payment of my Debts and the apportionment I want to divide the surplus among all my living Children my Will further is that after my Executors shall have divided due to my wife's Negroes as

herein before directed that they shall hire out the other two until my youngest Child arrives at full age at which time they shall be sold on a credit as ordered and the proceeds of the hiring and sale to be equally divided between Eight of my Children that is to say Elizabeth Wilkes, Benjamin Tyson, Cornelius Tyson, Mary Wilkes Thompson Tyson, Margaret Tyson, Benjamin Dawson Tyson and Mahala Tyson, and when the other two Negroes which are bound to my wife shall return to and become part of the disposable property my Will is that that they be hired out or sold as afore said & as the Cause may be and the proceeds of the sale and hiring be equally divided among all my Children—

I give and devise to my son Thompson Tyson one undivided third part of a tract of Land on the South side of Dupes River containing one Hundred and fifty Acres lying East of the Academy and South of the two Hundred and thirteen and a third Acres—

I give and devise to my son William Dawson Tyson and Mahala Tyson the other undivided two thirds of the said of the said hundred and fifty acres to be of joint property between them until they shall think proper to divide the same—

I have conveyed to my son Benjamin Tyson six Hundred Acres of Land this I consider as his full share of my real Estate and equal to the land I have devised to his Brothers—

In addition to the property above bequeathed to my wife my Will further is that my Executors give and deliver to her one acre common by called the Little Spring and also water land and bridle, and then by giving to my Daughter Margaret the said said lands usually called here—

Lastly I nominate and appoint my two sons Joseph Tyson and Cornelius Tyson Executors of this my last Will and Testament and do hereby revoke disannul and set a side all others and former Will or Wills by me at time here before made satisfying this and that only to be my last Will and Testament—