

State of North Carolina

In the name of God Amen.

Thomas Nixon of the County of New Hanover and State aforesaid being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for it, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say; I give my soul to God who gave it me, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a christian like manner; And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of the same in the manner soon following. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Christian Nixon said negroes that is to say Old York, Rose and Chloe, to her and her heirs forever. I likewise give unto said wife one feather bed and furniture, together with all my cattle, hogs and horses except my riding mare Ball. I likewise give unto my said wife, my riding chair, her choice of my tables, one chest, all the house chairs, together with all my ploughs, hoes, axes, crockery ware, all my pewter, kitchen furniture, to her and her heirs forever. It is likewise my will and desire that my said wife shall have the use of my house and plantation whereon I now dwell, from the Spring landing, up to the following doe branch, during her natural life. I likewise leave unto my said wife my negro girl Alice, to have the use and benefit of her during her natural life, and at her death the said negro Alice and her increase to be equally divided among all my children. I give and bequeath unto my two sons Richard Nixon and James William Nixon, all my lands, to be equally divided between them when my son Richard Nixon comes of age. And it is my will and desire that all my other negroes, together with all other my personal estate not before mentioned, be equally divided among all my children, when my daughter Sarah Nixon comes of age or should marry. And further, it is my will and meaning that at the division of my said estate which shall be, when my daughter Sarah comes of age or marries, she taking her part or dividend, it is my will and meaning that the other parts or dividends that shall be allotted to my other children shall not directly or indirectly be considered as divided unto them, but shall remain altogether undivided unto them until the next oldest comes of age or marries, when they shall be proportioned so as they shall know and take their parts; and so until the two youngest comes of age. And it is my will and desire that my Executors do after, my executors make public sale of my riding mare Ball, together with such other, of my personal estate as they shall think, perishable or best,

to be sold, and pay all my lawful debts with such money arising
from such sale -
and further, it is my will and desire, that my salt plates should
be kept for the use and benefit of my said wife and children, at least
during my said wife's widowhood; or should at time and circumstance
alter, so that my wife and executors should think it best to sell them
I leave that to their discretion -

And for the execution of this my last will and testament, I do
hereby appoint and ordain my beloved wife Christian Nixon
my Executrix, and my loving brother, Richard Nixon and my
good friend Robert Nixon my Executors of this my last will
and Testament, - and I do hereby revoke, disannul and make
void all other wills and testaments by me made, ratifying
and confirming this and no other, to be my last will and
Testament, - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this twenty second day of April one thousand seven hundred
eighty two -

Signed, published and declared
by the said Thomas Nixon as his
last will and Testament, in the
presence of us

Thos Nixon. Seal

Thos Nixon
James Towning

New Hanover County } The within last will and Testament of
July Term 1782 } Thomas Nixon senior, was exhibited in court
and proved by the oath of Thomas Nixon Jr.
a subscribing witness thereto in due form of law
Thos: McClaine. Clk.

New Hanover County } Ordered that Christian Nixon Executrix,
July Term 1782 } Robert Nixon and Richard Nixon Executors
to the last will of Thomas Nixon, do qualify
as such before any Justice of peace in this County -
By order of court
Thos: McClaine. Clk.

This may certify that Christian and Robert Nixon Executrix
and Executor came before me and qualified agreeable to law
to the last will and Testament of Thos Nixon -
July 5th 1792 -
John A. Campbell. S. J.