

In the name of God Amen I ¹⁴Robert Sandlin of Onslow
County being in a low state of bodily health but of sound
mind and memory thanks be to God for his Mercy &
knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make
this my last will and testament in the following manner
First I recommend my soul to the hand of my Redeemer
and my body to its Parent Earth to be buried in a
decent Christian like manner at the discretion of my
Executors hereafter named and as to my worldly
Estate that it has pleased God to bless me with I
dispose of in the following manner that is to say
First I wish that all my Just debts & funeral charges
be paid and satisfied and for the purpose of paying
my said debts I leave the land and plantation
once the property of John Thompson now belonging to
me to be sold by my Executors at his months end
for the purpose of paying my debts aforesaid and
I also leave for the purpose of paying said debts
should it be required I leave all my horses cattle
Cows & all kind Hogs & sheep my house hold and
Kitchen Furniture my Leather Bed & bedstead and
furniture my Plantation tools of every description to
be sold by my Executors in like manner and length
of credit with the John Thompson land — I also
give and bequeath to my nephew Robert Sandlin &
Henry Sandlin under the conditions hereafter
particularly and distinctly expressed, the land
and improvements of every description thereon & thereto
belonging on which I now live that I bought of
James Glenn to be equally divided between them
their heirs and assigns for ever
And I leave my negro woman named Chaney which
I bought from the estate of Lotte Change from John
of Swarth who was authorized by Onslow County Court
to sell said Thomas Mares for division

to Robert Sandlin & Henry Sandlin during his natural
life and at his death should he the said Chaney
survive him the said Robert I then hereby declare
the said Chaney (formerly a slave) to be liberated
and set free and I do hereby Emancipate Liberate
and set free her the said Chaney to be thenceforward
treated as a free person of colour and to enjoy as
to her own personal liberty such the liberty of
such as to her own personal liberty according
to the existing Laws of North Carolina in such
Cases made and provided which said slave
Chaney I have thought to liberate and have hereby
liberated as aforesaid for and in consideration of
her honesty and strict attention to her various duties
as a slave particularly her attention to my family
in sickness & in a variety of other duties which as
a slave she has been remarkable Exemplary in
her performance and further it is my will that
if Chaney should during her servitude with Robert
Sandlin have any children or children I give such
child or children to Robert Sandlin his heirs
or assigns forever

I also give to Wm Thompson that I have raised one
feather Bed Bedstead and furniture now in
his possession and the amount of seventy five
Dollars in a note or notes to him his heirs and
assigns forever and after the payment of my
Just debts by my Executors from the sale of
the property set apart for that purpose should
it be sufficient and a surplus and all such
other property as is not already mentioned or
given away to my three nephews Lewis Sandlin &