

I, John Drake, of Orange County & Province of North Carolina, this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of the 6<sup>th</sup> month in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & thirty four, being Weak and Sick, but of Perfect mind & Memory Relieve to God and Blessing it is appointed for all men come to die, and acknowledging my worldly Goods, which it hath pleased God to bestow on me, Dispose of in the following manner.

First I do appoint & constitute Joseph Wells Senior & William V. Smith, Regent each of Orange County & the Province aforesaid, my Executors & Administrators of this my Last Will & Testament. I allow my Executor & my

First Wife to be joint, heirs out of my Estate — Item I give & Bequeath unto my loving Wife and Heirs of my first, to be fully possessed & Enjoyed, by her during her life time, & at her Death to be my son & heirs, to be fully possessed & Enjoyed by him, his Heirs & Assigns forever, and also I give & Bequeath unto my Beloved Wife Mary and Heirs of all my movable Estate, during her life and at her Death to be equally divided between my two Daughters, namely Mary & Elizabeth to be enjoyed & possessed by them their Heirs & Assigns forever.

Item I also give & Bequeath unto my Beloved Wife Mary, my only surviving Maid called Fanny, & her Heirs & Heirs, & Heirs, to be fully possessed & Enjoyed by her & her Heirs & Assigns forever.

Item I give, also & Bequeath unto my son John all my Real Estate not mentioned to be fully possessed & enjoyed by him his Heirs & Assigns forever, following, the first mention relating to the one third part of my Real Estate, to stand and Remain as aforesaid.

Item I also direct & allow my Negro man Major, to have my Beloved Wife Mary for Years from this date, & then & always to remain under his care, allowing & giving my said Son & Heirs & Heirs mentioned Executor, to have full Power & Authority of his own hand, and Equal Power & Authority as the Law is able to determine & give in the doubtful instances for the further or better Confinement, the Rights &

Benefit of the said Negro man Major, for this and &c. Benefit of the said Negro man Province always that it is my Will, that the said Negro man shall not be kept in bondage, any longer than to the Satisfaction of the said Heirs or other ways, then there aforesaid, to take the said & benefit of him the said Negro man Major &c. I also give & Bequeath unto my two Daughters Elizabeth & Mary, all the rest of my Real Estate, not yet mentioned to be equally divided, between the two to be fully possessed & Enjoyed by them their Heirs & Assigns forever, except I allow one hunting vessel to be purchased, out of my Estate, for my Daughters — I am for his use & Benefit — My Witnesses and Testimony, whereof I have the said John Drake have to this my Last Will & Testament set my hand and seal this day & Year first above Written.

Witness known,  
Charles Kent }  
Joseph Fly... } Thomas

At an Inferior Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions begun and held for the County of Orange at the Court house in Chatham on the second Tuesday in November in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & thirty four Present his Majesty's Justice, the Countess of &c. &c. Will was duly sworn by the Oaths of the Subscribing Witnesses, & ordered to be Recorded.

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Francis Nash