

In the name of God amen

^{Exam^s} I John Christmas of the County of Orange in the
 State of North Carolina ^(Plays) being sick and weak in Body but in
 perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same and
 calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life and
 being willing to settle my worldly affairs in order to make this
 my last will and testament in manner and form following first
 I commend my soul to God who gave it hoping thro the
 Death and Merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour to be made
 Partaker of the never fading Joys of immortality and as for
 what temporal estate it hath been pleased God to bestow on me
 I give and bequeath in the manner and form following that is
 to say Whereas my sons Thomas and John and my Daughters Mary
 Elizabeth and Ffencerilla are all married and have ^{received} from me
 such estates as I judge to be an Equal proportion of my Sub-
 stance and I do hereby give and bequeath to each of them viz:
 my son Thomas my son John my Daughters Mary Eliza-
 beth and Ffencerilla the sum of five shillings Virginia money
 Besides that I do hereby confirm to them and their heirs and af-
 signs and indefeasible right to that I have heretofore given them
 touching all manner of claim to any part or parcel of the same from
 any person or persons whatever Item I give and bequeath unto my
 loving Wife Mary Christmas During her natural life the Plantation
 whereon I now live with all the Land that lies on the south side
 Cone Creek and below the branch known by the name of the Mockapora
 and also my three Negroes Harry Sue and Agga a feather bed and
 furniture a horse hidle and saddle and to enable her the better to raise
 her Children I lend her my eight negroes viz Charles Jack Wife

Item, I do, by, young Charles, and Dory together with all
 my other estate of horses cattle sheep and household furniture and
 such as I shall hereafter dispose of and it is my will and desire
 that my loving Wife Mary do keep and enjoy during her widow
 hood all such estate so lent her but should she marry again then
 my will is that all the estate so lent her be divided amongst
 my three young sons Robert James and Charles and it is also
 my will that at my wifes decease that all the estate in her hands
 be also divided amongst the said three youngest sons by my
 two sons Thomas Christmas and Richard. Item I give
 and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Pickles my negroe girl
 Grany and my negroe boy Philamon a feather bed and furniture
 a mare bridle and saddle with two cows and calves with two hogs
 two Dykes and six plates and should she die without Lawfull issue
 that then the estate so left her be divided amongst my three sons
 Richard William and Nathaniel. Item I give and bequeath unto
 my son Richard his heirs and assigns forever a tract of Land lying
 on the north side of Cane Creek from a line of marked trees
 running from or near the mouth of Richland Branch with the
 Land whereon Thomas Mason formerly lived also my will is
 that my son Richard have two negroes known by the name
 of Dick and Fanny with a feather Bed and furniture two cows and
 calves beside his own ~~own~~ my stock with two hogs two Dykes
 and six plates. Item I give and bequeath to my son William
 his heirs and assigns all that ^{part} of Land lying on the north side
 Cane Creek below a line of marked trees running from or near the
 mouth of Richland Branch also two negroes known by the name
 of Will and Wiley. Item I give and bequeath unto my son

Nathaniel his heirs and assigns forever two hundred and fifty
 pounds Virginia money or more at thirty three and a
 third per Cent in gold or silver to be paid to him from my
 son Thomas Christmas for my mill and negroe Will
 within nine months from this Date if not paid then the
 said mill and negroe Will to be my son Nathaniel also
 one negroe boy named Tom with a feather bed and furniture
 Item I give and bequeath unto my son Robert his heirs and
 assigns forever one negroe boy named Benjamin. Item I
 give and bequeath unto my son James his heirs and assigns
 forever all my Land that lies on the south side of Cane Creek
 and above the Mochafor branch with the addition of all the land
 lying on the same side of the Creek belonging to the land
 whereon Thomas Mason formerly lived.

Item I give and bequeath unto my
 son Charles his heirs and assigns forever all my Land on
 the south side Cane Creek and below the Mochafor branch
 and it is my will that if either of my three youngest
 sons Robert James or Charles Die before they come of age
 leaving no issue then it is my will that their estate so left
 shall fall into the estate to be divided by my two sons Tho-
 mas and Richard with the remains of the estate to the
 other two youngest sons it is also my will that if the Land
 I have left to my four sons Richard William James and
 Charles be sold and they fall on the estate of Michael

Whaley that ^{what} is recovered be divided amongst the said four sons ~~and~~ William James and Charles Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson Henry Christmas son of John Christmas deceased my Land lying in Warren County on the south side the road and adjoining the Land formerly Charles Allens - and also my will is ^{that if either} either of my three youngest sons Robert James or Charles come to age before my Wifes decease - wanting their Estates it is then my will and desire that my said two sons Thomas and Richard divide the estate I sent my wife and give them what they see cause so as not to exceed thirds and should there be any remainder at my Wifes decease its my desire that it be divided with the Estate of my Wife at her decease to my three youngest sons Robert James and Charles by my two sons aforesaid Thomas and Richard and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my loving wife Mary Christmas my son Richard and Robert Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void and null all former will or wills heretofore made and confirming this and none but this to be my last will and Testament in testimony whereof ~~upon~~ I have hereunto set my hand

and seal this eleventh Day of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty three

signed sealed and acknowledged John Christmas 
by the Testator to be his last
Will and Testament in presence
of us

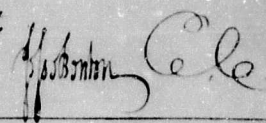
Richard Christmas

Wm Richards

James J. Pickett

Orange County, N. C. November Court 1783.
The Execution of the within Will of John Christmas deceased was duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of William Richards & James Pickett two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded

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In the name of God Amen The thirtieth day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Eighty. I Hugh Morris of Crane Creek in Orange County North Carolina being sick in Body but of perfect sound mind and memory Thanks be to almighty God for it. Being willing to settle my worldly affairs do make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void by these Presents all other Will or Wills Testament or Testaments heretofore by me made and this only to be deemed and taken for my last Will and Testament which in effect & form is as followeth (That is to say) First I Will that all debts by me lawfully owing to any manner of Person or Persons whatsoever shall be well and truly paid or cause to be paid within convenient time after my