

North Carolina
Crane County August 1772

The Execution of the within
Will was duly proved in Open Court before the Judge of the said
and Ordered to be Registered

Est T. Washel

In the name of God Amen this 5th day of July
in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Two
Thomas Dobbin of the County of Crane and Province of North
Carolina being weak and weak of Body but of perfect mind
And memory thanks be given to God and calling to mind the mortality
of my Body and uncertainty of this life do constitute Adam
and Appoint this my last will and Testament in manner and
form following and give Assign my soul in to the hands of
God who gave it me and my Body to the Dust to be decently
Buried by my Executors here after mentioned and as for
such worldly Goods as God hath seen pleased to bless me
with I give and Dispose in the following manner
I give and Assign to my Son Hugh Dobbin
who is my heir at Law one tract of Land on Catylin Creek
Containing four hundred and forty acres in Crane County
I give and Assign to him three Slaves vizt Jack Old
Ezzy & Muddy I give him thirty Pounds Virginia Money
also his Hair Cloth I give and Assign to my second Son
John Dobbin four hundred & thirty two acres of Land more
or less it being the land I purchased of John Walker Junr on
the Study fork River and Van Robinson living on fronting him
Creek in said County I give him three Slaves vizt
Simpster Bridget & Mary also thirty Pounds Virginia
Money also his own horse & saddle

I give and Assign to my Young Son Thomas Dobbin
the Plantation and tract of Land now in or Containing
two hundred and thirty acres lying North this also the entire
Spring adjoining the said Land containing four hundred acres
to be cleared out of the office for him at the Expense of the
Estate also four Slaves vizt Dick, Gumbo, Little Sam & Hedy
also I give my said Son Thomas Dobbin forty Pounds Virginia
Money this I give him and saddle I give and Assign
to my Beloved wife Rachel Dobbin her share of the
her Bed & Furniture and thirty Pounds in Virginia
Money and a Negro woman named Kate also I order
and Appoint that she shall live and have her maintenance
of the Estate during her widowhood lest if she Marry
it will disengage her from this Benefit I give and Assign
to my daughter Margaret Dobbin a Negro fellow named
Cesar his man and saddle and a Bed and Furniture &
Twenty Pounds Virginia Money I give and Assign to my
Daughter Elizabeth Dobbin a Negro man named Ned Peter
also his man and new saddle also his Bed & Furniture &
Twenty Pounds Virginia Money I give and Assign to my
Daughter Rachel Dobbin Little Ezzy also a horse and
saddle and a Bed and Furniture and twenty Pounds
Virginia Money I give and Assign to my Daughter Nancy
Dobbin a Negro Woman named Dinah also a horse and
saddle & Bed and Furniture and Twenty Pounds Virginia
Money I order Order & Direct that my other three Slaves
vizt Tom, Jany, & Peter who is now Absconded, be sold
by my Executors and the Value to be Divided am half
to be paid to my two Little Daughters vizt Rachel and
Nancy Dobbin and the other half to be Equally divided
Amongst the other Leguees

Also I desire that Each of my Daughters shall have 2 cows
 Each to be Delivered as they come of Age and whatsoever
 of the Stock both of Horned cattle and Sheep Remains at
 the time when my son Thomas Dobbin comes of Age
 to him that is all the Stock at the place I now live upon
 and as for the stock at my Quarters I appoint that
 as soon as my son Hugh Dobbin be of Age that they
 be Equally divided between my two Sons Vizt Hugh
 and John Dobbin and Hugh shall run on his Part
 to his own Charge and Lastly I appoint ^{that} whatever
 Money remains in the hands of my Executors after
 my debts are all paid I order that it be Equally
 Divided amongst the Legacies of this Estate and do
 constitute and Appoint my Beloved wife Rachel
 Dobbin and my Beloved son Hugh Dobbin and my
 Trusty friend Archibald Murphy Es^r of this my last
 Will and Testament bear Testifying and Confirming this
 to be my last Will and Testament as is fully set
 under my hand & Seal the Year and Day Above written
 And the place belonging to me on County Down which
 was Isaac Robinsons last Order to be sold and the same
 Equally Divided amongst my Legacies also I order and
 Appoint that as soon as my son Hugh Dobbin is of Age
 that my Es^r make a deed to David Spill for the Land
 he bought of my son John Dobbin as soon as it can
 be Obtained from the Es^r of Hillsborough also my
 Beloved Order and Desire that they shall be all well
 Schooled at the Expence of my Estate
 Laid by and Published and Delivered by John Dobbin Es^r
 the last Will and Testament in presence of
 W^m Zachary { Hugh Dobbin }
 John Connor {

Crump County } August Term our Court 1774
 The Execution of the within Will was
 duly proved in Open Court by the Oath of Hugh Dobbin
 and Ordered to be Recorded

Test T. Nash C. C.

In the Name of God Amen I Jacob Bishop
 of my Body but Perfect in Mind and memory and Calling,
 to mind the Mortality of my Body and that is appointed for
 All men once to die I therefore Recommend my soul unto
 God who gave it and my Body to the Priest to be buried
 in a Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors
 nothing doubting but I shall arise at the last Day of
 Judgment and as for my worldly Estate which of the
 Lord hath blessed me with I do bequeath in the following
 Manner form first I leave to my Beloved wife Catharine
 Bishop one Bay Mare Saddle two cows three Sheep her
 Bed and furniture two Stalls one Brass Kettle and all
 the Suter now in my House one Pepper Chest to my daughter
 Daughter Hannah five pounds free and if my wife should
 not agree she is to have fifteen Acres of cleared Land and
 with one House at the Rays Expence comfortably to live in
 to my son one Servant Man to my son Jacob one Servant Man
 and the rest of my Estate to be Divided amongst the whole
 family as the Law directs and doth appoint and Ordain
 my wife Catharine Bishop and my son John Bishop to be
 my Executors and doth Revok. Disallow and Disannul
 all Wills and Testaments and always this to be my last
 Will and Testament Given under my hand and Seal this