

As Witness I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my Seal the day and Year first above
written

Signed sealed & Delivered
In the presence of
Richard Rhodes
Thomas Rhodes
John Branch

William Rhodes

State of North Carolina
Orange County

Feb. 4 Term 1799

The Execution of the above Will was duly proved
in Open Court by the Oaths of Richard Rhodes and
Thomas Rhodes two of the subscribing Witnesses named
and Ordered to be recorded

Teste

J. Denton

In the Name of god Amen I John
Armstrong of Orange County in the
State of North Carolina being of per-
fect mind & sound memory and calling to mind
Mortality of the body do make publish and
declare this my last Will and Testament hereby
revoking and annulling all former or other
Wills heretofore by me made in manner and
form following that is to say I give devise
and bequeath to my Son William all the
tract of Land whereon I now live

containing two hundred Acres & bounded by
the River the lines of John Holmes Morris Crawford
and Richard Christmaph — I Give devise and
bequeath to my Daughter Elisabeth my lower
Plantation containing one hundred Acres of Land
& bounded by the River the lines of Richard
Christmaph Thomas Frousdale and Robert Hunter
I Give devise and bequeath to my Daughter Mary
forty pounds of the Money due me by Joseph
Rodge Richard Christmaph when it becomes due
from them — I Give devise and bequeath to my
Daughter Margaret a Brown Mare that is called
hers with a Saddle and bridle —

I Give and bequeath to my to my Daughter Rachel
that will maintain her out of my two plantations
that I have willed away above & two thirds of her
maintenance to come out of the land I willed
away to my son William, and the other third
out of the land I left my Daughter Elisabeth
to be found her Annually during her life
I Give Devise and bequeath to my Loving Wife
Margaret the use and profit of all my Land
during her Widowhood or until my Son William
and my Daughter Elisabeth come respectively
my Son William to the full age of twenty one
years, and my Daughter Elisabeth to the age
of Eighteen years, and thence afterwards my
said Wife shall have hold and enjoy
one third part only of the said Lands

for and during the course of her natural life
 sell all my Stock of all kinds the better to enable
 her to pay my Debts & School my Children I also
 give her my Will to keep or sell as she may
 most to the advantage of herself & Children
 Balance of the Money due from Joseph Hodge
 and Richard Christophers I also desire shall
 come into her hands to clear my Lands if
 any thing should come against that, if not
 she may keep it or lay it out as she sees cause
 that is if she remains a Widow, but should
 she marry it is my Will that she only hold
 and enjoy one third of the Lands Stock and
 Money now left her by me, and the other two
 thirds to be equally divided among my Children
 and at her death should there be any thing of
 what I left her do my desire that it be equal
 divided among my Children, and I do hereby
 constitute and appoint Richard Christophers
 and my loving Wife to Execute this my last
 Will & Testament according to the true intent
 and meaning thereof. In Witness hereof I have
 signed sealed published & declared
 In the Presence of us
 Richard Goff
 William Housdale

John Armstrong

In the name of God Amen
 I the undersigned of the County of Orange and State of
 North Carolina being weak and Sick in body but
 having my Senses and memory perfectly clear call
 to mind the Uncertainty of life and Certainty of
 Death doth hereby constitute and testify this to be
 my last Will and Testament in manner & form follow-
 ing Imprimis I Give and bequeath to my Daughters
 Nancy Russell Patty Allen those things which they
 have had of me already, also unto my Son
 Sanford Jenkins the one hundred Acres of Land
 which I have had Run of for him to them and
 their heirs forever I Give and bequeath to
 my loving Wife Mary Jenkins the residue of my
 Estate whether real or personal during her life
 for the use of paying my Debts raising my Children and
 her own maintenance and at her death if any of
 my Lands is remaining to be equally divided
 among my Sons John Thomas & Thomas Jenkins
 or the survivors of them to them their heirs forever
 I Give and bequeath to my Daughters Betsey Polly
 Catherine Jenkins the residue of my Estate
 at their mothers Death to be equally divided amongst
 them and their heirs forever I Give and
 bequeath to my Grand Daughter Polly Higginson
 one thousand weight unsalted Tobacco to be paid
 by my Executors when she shall arrive to the age
 of Eighteen Years to her and her heirs forever
 I do hereby constitute and appoint my loving Wife