

February one thousand seven hundred and Eighty six
Signed in the presence
of us
David Thompson

George & Goldsmith
Mark

Orange November Court 1796

The Execution of the last will and Testament of George
Cate was duly proved in open Court by David
Thompson & David Gold and was ordered to be
admitted.

Attest
H. Brown Clk

In the name of God Amen. Richard Cate of the County
of Orange and State of North Carolina being at this time
of good and perfect memory through the mercy of God but
weak and sickly in body do make this my last will and
testament in manner following that is to say.

I leave to my beloved wife Emelia Cate my Negro man partly
my Negro woman Frank during her Natural life or
widowhood also I leave all my household furniture and
stock of horses and cattle and Negroes also my Wagon &
all mine during her Natural life or widowhood & so all my
working tools for the same time to support my children
when during their minority and at her decease or widowhood
to be equally divided amongst my eight children
that is to say James Esq. Richard Thomas, Edward Martha
Susannah and Emelia.

I then give to my son James Cate the land whereon he
now lives from Marshalls Branch and upwards including
the plantation it being part of a Tract of land I purchased
of M^r. Dickinson also my Negro Boy Daniel

I then give to my son Esq. the Remainder of said tract
of land from Marshalls Branch downwards also 10 acres
of land which I purchased of John Furman lying on the
Road adjoining the land of Charles Hilley also 100 acres
of land which I purchased of James Crawford a Tract
the land of said Furman also 50 acres of land on the
west side of Cain Creek including Ballo field beginning
at the corner in Walle's meadow running up the bank to
his Branch & up to Branch to the upper end of Walle's
I have ground to a Spring then up a hollow back
the City Road to Quinns Cove for Comphment also my
Negro Boy Dave. I then give to my son the hard all
the Remainder part of a Tract of land which I purchased
of Thomas Moore which is 381 acres also my Negro man
I then give to my son Thomas the Tract of land which
I bought of Robert Tennan on the East side of Cain Creek
and all my possessions adjoining said Tract on that side
of the Creek Reserving to my beloved wife the use thereof
during her Natural life or Widowhood also my Negro
Girl Rachael.

I then give to my son John all my possessions on the west
side of Cain Creek including my Mill Reserving to my
beloved wife the use of said Land and Mill during her
Natural life or widowhood also to my son John I give
my Negro Girl Anna by

I then give to my son Benjamin my Negro man Dick
and his wife Lucy during his Natural life to be put
into the hands of a master chosen by my Executors for his
natural support after their death and after his death
to be equally divided among my eight children

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I then give to my Daughter Martha Hester my Negro
woman Rhoda.

I then give to my Daughter Susannah my Negro Boy
I then give to my Daughter Emelia my Negro Girl Anne
and after my lawful debts is paid what cash
I have with the aid of God which can be spared from
my stock and family to be sold by my Executors out
of which I give my son John two hundred Dollars
which if any Remainder to be Equally divided amongst
my present family that is Esq. Richard Thomas
Benjamin John Susannah Emelia and wife to
each and to each. Then my desire is that my son
Benjamin may live with his Mother during his
Natural life but if my Executors think him
not well used I leave it in hand to put him where
I may be better used.

Lastly I make and Constitute my beloved friend
John shield Powers and my Brother John Cate
and my son James Cate Executor of this my last will and
Testament written with my own hand this 20th day of
July in the year of our Lord one thousand & eight hundred
and eighty six and I subscribe my name
and seal and I charge to be the last will
and Testament with present
and who were present

Benjamin Cate
James Cate
John Cate
John shield Powers
Richard Cate
Esq. Richard Cate
Orange February Court 1797
Esq. Esq.
The Execution of the last will and Testament
of Richard Cate was duly proved in open Court by
Benjamin Cate and John shield Powers the subscribing Witnesses
and was ordered to be admitted
Attest