

In the name of God Amen I Thomas
of Orange County and State of North Carolina being
and weak in body but of perfect sound mind
do make order and publish this my last will and
in manner and form following (viz)
I give and bequeath unto my three
Sons Samuel, Wilson, and Francis, three thousand
Eight hundred Acres of Land on the waters of Ham-
land (reference having to the grant in my
possession, together with three thousand Acres more
in Bol's Redemption Office, the warrant of which
is lodged in the hands of William Pitt Esq.
Surveyor for his receipt now in my possession, both
parcels or tracts of Land to be equally divided
among them, share and share alike as near as may
be, I give the Plantation which I bought at Smith's
Sale and formerly the property of Thomas as Mark
situate lying and being on the waters of One
in the County of Orange containing about four
thousand Acres I give and bequeath unto my
beloved wife Frances, during her natural life
and after her decease to be sold at 12 months
credit for money, which is to be paid my
Executors hereafter specified for the use of
my above mentioned three children.
I give and bequeath unto my Daughter
- Maria Tamm McRae all the sum of One hundred
pounds North Carolina currency to be paid to
her come to age after my decease.

Item It is my Will and request that after
my decease, that all my Horse, Cattle, Hogs and
Swine in the Towns of Hillsborough and Kinston
except the house and lot that I now live on
one Riding Chaw, Haggon and Plantation to be
to be sold at 12 months credit for money to be paid
my Executors for the use of my said three children
as also the plantation I bought of Robert Griffith
containing three hundred and sixty Acres at
the above mentioned credit, for the purposes afore-
said, excepting and reserving one horse, one
of my Riding Chawes and one milch Cow for the
use of my beloved wife.
I also bequeath unto my said beloved
Wife Thomas during her natural life the house
and lot whereon I now live in the Town of Hillsboro
and after her decease it is my will that the said
house and lot be sold at 12 months credit
for money and paid my Executors for the use
of my said three children.
I also and whereas I stand in possession a sum
of hard money as particularly described on the
back hereof, which money I always intended
had God spared my life to put in trade
it is my request that if I should die before I do
dispose of said money, that it be laid out on
the purchase of young likely healthy slaves
any from twelve to twenty years of age, and then
the slaves to be hired out annually.

The next proceeds of which to be paid to my Executors
for the following purposes (to wit) one fourth part
for the use of my wife, and the other three fourths
for Educating, maintaining and cloathing my said
three children, and when my eldest Son Samuel
arrives to the age of twenty one years, the
Negroes so purchased, both the money afore-
said together with their increase to be
equally divided among them share and share
alike as near as may be by Lot, excepting and
reserving thereout one likely worth and value
for the value of one hundred pounds North
Carolina currency, which I hereby give and
bequeath unto my natural Son James Thomas
his heirs Executors Administrators forever.
I give all my household furniture to my Wife
during her natural life, and after her decease
to be sold to the best advantage for money
which is to be converted to the use of my
children as aforesaid.
I also all the paper money now in my
possession say £270 two hundred and seventy
pounds I give to James Caswells Bond for one hundred
and twenty pounds, Alexander McRae
Note for one hundred and fifteen pounds
Robert Freeman Note for thirty three pounds
Virginia Money, Mungford Stokes Note
for thirty five pounds, all which sums

will to be laid out in Negroes and for the same purposes specified in the Sixth Item of this my last will and Testament except the request respecting James Reed; and one hundred pounds which is to be kept by my Wife for her and my childrens immediate use.

I do give and bequeath the following Seven Negroes (to wit) Jack, Maria Child, Hannah, Silca, Grace & Alluck to be kept for the use of my wife during her life and the remaining part to be hired out by my Executors for money which is to be applied to the use of my said wife and three children and after the decease of my said wife ~~and three children~~ then the Seven Negroes and there increase to be equally divided among my said three children share and share alike by Lot.

The house lately removed on Col McCaulys lot in the town of Hillsborough as it now stands it is my will and request to have sold to the highest bidder for the Term of Six years from the first of May 1792 for the same purposes as specified above.

I do Nominate constitute and appoint my beloved wife Frances as Executrix and Robert Casey, Decem an, Executors to this my last will & Testament

herby Reserving all wills bequests legacies by me made or given prior to this.
Signed & Sealed
In the presence of
J^o Casey
David Sloan } Jurant
Will M. McRall
Hillsborough July 4th
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Codecit to the above Will

I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my trusty and well beloved friends John Rayner and William Walters Esquires, as Guardians to my three Sons, Samuel, Wilson, and Francis, when they respectively arrive to man's Estate, and request that they will begin their charge when they respectively arrive to the Age of Twelve years.
Signed & Sealed
In the presence of
J^o Casey
David Sloan } Jurant
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Hillsborough July 4th 1792

Orange County Aug^t Term 1792

The Execution of the above last will and Testament of Francis Child deceased was duly proved in Open Court by the Oaths of J^o Casey & David Sloan J^o of the subscribing witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded.

John B. Morris Clk