

23 day of February seventeen hundred & ninety two
Signed & sealed in the presence of us
James M. Gullish
George Thompson
Rudolph R. Hat
mark

his
mark

In the name of god amen the 26 day of January 1790
I John M. Gullish of Rowan county & state of North
Carolina being old & very sick & weak of body but of perfect mind
& memory thanks be given unto god & calling to mind my mor-
tality & that I am appointed for men to die is therefore make this
my last will & testament & principally & first of all I give
& recommend my soul into the hands of god that great
being the meritorious death & intercession of my Lord & Saviour Je-
sus Christ to have a full & free pardon & forgiveness of all my
sins & to inherit everlasting life & my body I commit to the
earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of
my Exeutors hereafter named nothing doubting but to
rejoin the same again at the general resurrection by the mighty
power of god & as touching such worldly estate whereunto
it has pleased god to bless me within this life I give bequeath
devise & dispose of in the following manner & form (viz)
it is my will & pleasure that all those Just debts and
do owe to any manner of persons ^{persons} whomsoever be
first of all paid & satisfied by my Exeutors hereafter named in
some convenient time after my death I then I give & bequeath
to my well beloved wife Rachael my grey horse & the bed
& furniture thereunto belonging that goes by her name

With all the silver her wearing apparel & all other articles
I received with her dower ^{marriage} to her her heirs & assigns
for ever also her right & title of Power of her the plan tation
I live on for & during the natural life. I then I give & bequeath
to my loving son Robert Hughes my negro boy called
Sampson & his land money as it now passes in the
aforesaid state or the equal value thereof in paper money
of the state & my large Bible to him his heirs & assigns
for ever. I then I give & bequeath to my grand-
children viz. the orphan of my deceased son Samuel
Hughes my negro man named Jack and my little
negro wench named Jude which is now in the pos-
session of that family to be equally divided amongst
the said children and to their heirs & assigns forever
I then I give bequeath & devise unto my beloved
son Henry Hughes my mulatto boy called Peter
& my negro wench called Jude & fifty Acres of land
to be laid off of my plantation whereon I now live
along his own line Beginning beginning at the
Creek & running north to the east & west bound-
ary ~~line~~ line of my 2^d plantation for com-
ment, and also my loggon I give to him his
heirs & assigns forever. I then I give bequeath and
devise to my loving son Jacob Hughes my negro
boy called Andy and the plantation whereon
I now live the fifty Acres herein above devised

54 to my son Henry excepted, also my De. loving
wives dower as above also excepted and also my
new tilled place joining the former to him and
to his heirs & assigns forever. Item I give and
bequeath to my loving son Isaac Hughes five
shilling money of the said state to him his heirs
& assigns. Item All the residue & remainder of
of my estate I give & bequeath to my three
sons, viz. Robert Henry & Jacob and to the or-
phanly of my deceased son Samuel to be qua-
ly divided amongst them, the said Orphanly
to have one son, part only, to them each of
them their heirs & each of their heirs & assigns for
Lastly I name or assign constitute & appoint my
trustly & good friend Samuel Young & my two lov-
ing sons Robert & Henry Executors of this my last
will & Testament hereby revoking & annulling
all & every former and other wills, Testaments, Be-
quests devises & Executions by me in any man-
ner of ways before this time named called, be-
queathed devised or appointed, ratifying and
confirming this & no other to be my last will &
Testament. Signed sealed published pronounced &
acknowledged by the said Henry Hughes as his last will
& Testament in presence of us the undersigned witnesses
William Logan
George G. H. Joseph Thomas & Henry Hughes

In the name of God Amen the sixth day of September⁵⁵
the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
eighty nine I James Fowler of fourth Creek in the County
of Rowan in the Province of North Carolina, Planter
being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind
and memory thanks be given unto God, therefore call-
ing unto mind the mortality of my body and
knowing that it is appointed for men once to die
do make and ordain this my last will and Testament
that is to say principally & first of all I give & com-
mend my soul into the hands of God that gave it
hoping through the merits death & passion of my Sa-
viour Jesus Christ to have full & free pardon and
forgiveness of all my sins & to inherit everlasting
life, & my body I commit to the earth to be decently
buried at the discretion of my executors here after
named, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrec-
tion I shall receive the same again by the mighty
Power of God. And as touching such worldly estate
wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life
I give devise & dispose of the same in the follow-
ing manner & form that is to say: First I will that
all those debts & duties as I do owe in right or con-
science to any manner of person or persons what-
ever shall be well & truly contented & paid or or-
dained to be paid in convenient time after my death