

At general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the  
mighty Power of God, and as touching such worldly Estate  
wherewith it hath pleased God to help me in this life I give  
unto my wife Elizabeth & her Son James in the dwelling House  
& her Liberty of the Plantation her Lifetime & after my lawfull  
Debt is paid the Remader & is left with of her good Goods  
Dobts & miserable Effects to be for her use & Disposal likewise  
the care of her Successors Andrew & James to maintain off place  
Item I give to my well beloved Son Andrew & my son James  
in Plantation to be equally divided between them at Judgment  
of four men to be possessed & enjoyed likewise one black  
Mare to my son Andrew & Mare colt to his Daughter  
Elizabeth one stallion & stallion colt to my son James  
and I do hereby disallow revoke & disannul all and every  
other former Testaments Wills Signacis & Bequests &  
Executors by me in any Waye before named: ratifying  
& confirming this & no other to be my last Will and  
Testament In witness whereof I have set my Hand  
and Seal the Day & Year above written —

Signed sealed published pronounced  
and declared by the said John Thompson {  
John Thompson mark  
Collier as my last Will & Testament  
in the Province of North Carolina  
W.M. I appoint John Brandon & Francis Collier  
to be my Executor —

John Watson and  
Barbara Watson

May 2nd 1774 In the Name of God Amen I John Thompson of Rowan  
in the Province of North Carolina Farmer being weak of Body but of  
sound Mind and Memory Thanks be given to God therefore calling to mind  
the Mortality of the Body and that it is appointed for all Mankind  
to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament That  
is to say principally and first of all I give and bequeath my Soul  
to Almighty God who gave it nothing doubting but I shall receive  
the same again reunited to my Body at the general Resurrection by  
the mighty Power of God: and my Body I recommend to the Earth to  
be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the direction of  
my Executors in due Expectation as above mentioned And as touching  
such worldly Goods as it hath pleased God to help me with in this life  
I give unto her of the same in the following Manner and Form —  
I allow my lawfull Dibbs and funeral Charges to be paid out of my now  
able Estate Secondly I give and bequeath unto Martha my dearest  
lived Wife her bed and bed clothes all her weareing Apparell her Spinning  
wheel & Check Bed, and one black Cow these things to be sold at her  
own Disposal; and also one Horse to be purchased for her about fourteen  
hundred together with her Dole, one bridled Cow, one little Oak Chest, one new  
Cot & an iron Kettle these things to be at her command for her use and  
 behoof during the time of her natural life and then to be sold and the  
 money thereon arising to be equally divided amongst my surviving  
Children — Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Son  
Thompson Thompson one half of the Plantation wherion I now dwelt  
to be laid off on the north East of the said Plantation including the  
Walls and other Improvements theron, and it is my Will that my  
Son Thompson give and sell my wife Martha a comfortable Dwelling  
house on his said Part of his plantation during the time of her  
Infirmity I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Son Thomas  
the other half of the plan-

178 on the south End, which Plantation being so wide, I give and bequeath to my said two sons and to their Heirs and Affrigs forever Fifthly. I give and bequeath unto Elzot Sir William Thompson the sum of fifteen Pounds Pennsylvania Money Sixthly. I give and bequeath unto my friend Son John Thompson the like sum of fifteen Pounds Pennsylvania Money Seventhly. I give and bequeath unto my third son Joseph Thompson the sum of one Helling Sterling Eighthly. I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Margaret Brown, the sum of seven Pounds proclamation Money Ninthly I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Rachel Thompson the sum of fifteen Pounds procl. Money Tenthly I give and bequeath unto my Step-daughter Agnes Allen, two Yearling Horses Eleventhly I give and bequeath unto my Children who may be in this Province at the Time of my Decease all my Books to be distributed among them equitably by my Executors: and also the Waggon & Gun together with all and singular my plantation Utensils & Carpenter Tools Household Furniture and other movable Estate, not already mentioned I allow to be valued and Apprised by two or three honest & understanding Neighbours to be nominated for that Purpose by my Executors and then to be divided equally between such of my said Children as are or may be in Carolina at the Time of my Decease, or at the Time of such Division according to such Valuation or Appraisal.

Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my trusty beloved Son Thompson Thompson and my trusty Friend and Son-in-law John Brown to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly revoke and renounce all former Wills, Testaments, Legacies, Bequests & Recouery by me heretofore made renounced or appoynted, certifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of March in the year of our Lord 1774.

John Thompson, Jr.  
Testamentary  
Agent  
for his wife & children  
in name of John Thompson, Jr.

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In the Name of God Amen, I Thomas Roly of the County of Rowan in the Province of North Carolina being weak in Body but of a sound & disposing Mind and Memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in writing in Manner and Form following That is to say First it is my Mind & Desire all my just Debts and funeral Charge be paid and discharged by my Executors herein after named Also I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife Eleanor Roly this House and the Station I now live on and vicinity one Acre of Land therewith Beginning for 1<sup>st</sup> of Acre of Land at a Hickory Sapher standing on south side of the North Fork of Little Creek running thence east from Hickory which is joining John Dabrough's Land 122 Acres thereof North 123 Acres the rest 122 Acres to John Dabrough's Land then with John Dabrough's Land South to the first Station Hickory Sapher I say to her for her Use and Benefit during her natural Life and no longer Item I give and bequeath to my Wife Eleanor Roly my Negro Woman Jean and my Negro Girl which is Jane Child with all their Service I say to her & her heirs and Affrigs forever Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife Eleanor my black Gilding Buck and my black Gilding Slop in a wryneck to her & her Heirs and Affrigs forever Item I give and bequeath to my Wife Eleanor three Leather Bids and Furniture which she claims or calls her own at present and two duck Ovens & one pot on Block & five powder Plates and one Tea Kettle and all the other Tea ware except one set and all the other articles which is called and goes by the Name of her own by the Family to her & her Heirs and Affrigs forever Also it is my Mind & Desire that the Improvement which Luke Lockett and the other of his Servants has on land has made with all their Stock and Working Tools which they have and Claims to belong to them and their Mother which has been with my Consent that they might make something for themselves I give and bequeath all that is in land under their care to my well beloved Wife Eleanor Roly I say to her & her Heirs and Affrigs forever Item I give & bequeath to my Wife Eleanor my East to her & her Heirs and Affrigs for ever likewise I give to