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Decr 15<sup>th</sup>

In the Name of God, Amen I Am Thomas of the Province of North Carolina in Rowan County being very sick & low in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory thank be to God calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and that it is appointed of all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament That is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God that gave it my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian Manner at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same 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 demise and dispose of in the following Manner First I give and bequeath to my son John Dills one Shilling current money of Great Britain Also the Plantation or Tract of Land of the said Ann Thomas now lies on I give and bequeath to my Grandson the above son of Peter Dills also one red Kine cow Calf Also I give to Peter Dills the youngest son of Peter Dills one Brown heifer Cow with her Calf Also I give to Mary Gaskill daughter to Peter Dills one Duffell Blanket also I have all my Stock and Household stuff and my movable Estate except the things already given to be left by John Gaskill and Henry Dills whom I make and constitute and nominate sole sole Executors of my last Will & Testament and after paying all my lawfull debts the remainder to be divided equally amongst my Grand Children Ann Dills Abigail and Peter Dills who I mean to be left to God freely purified of injuries And I do hereby testify before God to have named all and every other person to be sole Executrix and Testatrix to my last Will & Testament by me Thomas Thomas

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confirm this as no other to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 15 day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine signed sealed published & pronounced to be valid by the said Tom Thomas as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who are present and in the presence of each other hereunto subscribed our Names

Attest  
Sara Lynn  
Abraham M. D.

Ann M. Thomas  
mark

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In the Name of God, Amen the first Day of October in the Year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine I John Thompson of the County of Rowan in the Province of North Carolina being very sick and weak in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory thanks be given unto God that you calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and by my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the 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 bless me in this Life I give demise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form First I will that my funeral charges and all other my just Debts to be first paid by money raised out of my Estate - Secondly I give & bequeath to Margaret my dearly beloved Wife the old Duck House and the Gray Mare and her gray Calf I give and bequeath my Beloved Wife Margaret and to my son John and to my son Joseph my Plantation whereon I now live each of them to have an equal share thereof to them and their heirs and the above named Duck House the old Mare & his gray Calf to be & remain for the use of the Plantation and the same I give & bequeath you as for my wife Margaret Thirdly

(160) Rightly I leave to my son Moses my rifle gun. Slightly others  
(and bequeath to my son John all my wearing apparel (Slightly))  
I leave to my son James my white faced Cow and my boomer  
Tools (Slightly). I give & bequeath to my son Moses my two  
Sheep & my flock to my daughter Jane and her Husband Col. G. C.  
and Silky (Slightly). With the remainder of my Estate I leave to my  
beloved Wife and to my son John and to my Son Joseph equally  
among them. Rightly I nominate constable make and ordain  
Samuel Young and my loving Wife Margrat my sole Executrix  
of this my last Will and Testament. And I do hereby renounce  
disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testa-  
ments Wills Legacies Bequests and Executors by me in any  
Way before named willed & bequeathed ratifying and confirming  
this and no other to be my last Will & Testament In witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and seal the day and  
year above written.

Signed sealed published pronounced of <sup>in</sup> JOHN T. Thompson Esq  
(and declared by the said John Thompson) mark  
as my last Will & Testament in the  
presence of us the following Ad-  
vise - James Orton  
Malcolm Hemmings  
Henry H. Lucy  
mark

(161) I leave to my dear Wife Ruth all my personal Estate very kind except  
my young man of a hundred last Spring and twenty pounds in money  
to be on the plantation I now live on to be paid up in Bank and Post  
for that particular Use and service to be produced when and shall be  
so much laid, and make a Title for it. It is my Will and desire  
that the plantation I now live on shall be equally divided between  
my three Sons. It is my Will that my son Micajah shall have the  
lower end of the tract joining the place where Williams now live  
on and it is my Will that my son John shall have the middle  
part of the aforesaid tract or parcel of Land if it is my Will to  
my son William shall have the upper end of the aforesaid tract  
of Land and it is my Will that my son Micajah shall have  
the above mentioned young man of a year old past. And  
it is my Will that my three above mentioned Sons shall each  
as they arrive to the age of twenty one years (or else)  
full issued which is my will that the said father, George  
be equally divided between my two daughters namely his  
wife Ruth after they come to the age of eighteen years. This  
is my Will that my beloved Wife shall have the use of a  
place I now live on until my son John shall arrive  
the age of twenty one years and if she still continues my  
Wife. It is my Will that she shall have maintenance  
of the aforesaid tract or parcel of Land and it is my  
Will that my aforesaid three sons shall bear an equal load  
in maintaining her lastly I appoint my loving Wife  
and my loving Brother in law John Duke of the aforesaid  
village in County of Orange my Executrix in Trust for me  
and my wife during their life. In witness whereof I have  
set my name and seal this the 18th day of August A.D.  
1772. I have a son all Duke  
John Duke