

May 6th 1774

In The Name of God Amen, The Eighteenth day
of December in the Year of Our Lord 1773 J. Nicholas Evans of said
County in North Carolina being Very sick of Body but of perfect
Mind and Memory Thanks be given to god Therefore calling on
to Mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is a
pointed for all men Once to die; Do Make and Ordain this my
last will & Testament That is to say

Primipally and first of all I Give & Recommend my soul into the
hands of god that gave it and for my Body I recommend it to
the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like and decent Manner
At the Devotion of my Executors Nothing Doubting but at the
General Resurrection, I shall Receive the same again by the mighty
Power of God & Just as Touching such worldly Estate wherewith
it hath pleased god to bless me within this life I Give and dispose
of the same in the following Manner and form To wit

It is my will and I do Order that in the first place all my Just Debts
be paid and funeral Charges satisfied Item I Give and Bequeath
to Eliza my beloved wife all my stock of Cattle and household
Goods and Moveables Item, I Give to my well beloved Son Thomas
My Right and title of the plantation on which I now liveth Only
Renter and require him to pay yearly & every Year the sum of five
pounds his mother Eliza and my Beloved wife whom I constitute
Make and Ordain While she liveth With Moses Martin my friend
My only and sole Executor of this my last will & Testament
I do Order every other of my Children to be paid One Shilling each
if they Come for it And I do Disallow & revoke every
other former Will Legacy and Executor by me in any way before
this time Named Willed Practised and confirming this my last
will and Testament In Witness Whereunto I have hereunto set
My hand & Seal the day & Year above Written

24th
 Signed & published pronounced and declared to be his last will and
 Testament in the presence of us
 Thomas Tho Evans
 James Martin,
 his
 Nicholas & Evers G. S.
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N^o 3 of Nicholas Evans do order and require my son Thomas Evans to
 Winter and maintain two cows for his Mother during her life
 if she requieth it of him

December 29th 1773 By the premittated Conclusion and Unanimous
 consent of the subscribing parties it is agreed that Moses Martin
 is dismissed & discharged of his charge of the within premises &
 David Evans taken in his place as an assistant to the Executors
 Ealce Evans In Witness Whereof they have hereunto set their hands

Thomas Evans & James Martin the subscr-
 ibing Witnesses to the within last Will
 (And Testament of Nicholas Evans Made
 Oath that they saw the said Nicholas Evans publish and
 Declare the same to be his last will & Testament That he
 Was of sound & disposing Mind & Memory And On Motion
 Ordered to be recorded Recorded Accordingly

J. S. Benton, C. S.