

Christopher Cunningham Will

In the name of God Amen

The tenth day of November in the year of Our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and eighty two I Christopher Cunningham of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given to God therefore calling unto mind The Mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to die do Make and ordain this my last will and testament, inexpressly and forth of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and as for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors Nelson Cunningham 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 devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form — I give and bequeath to Mary my dearly beloved wife the third part of all my household goods and moveables together with the third part of all my lands messuages and tenements by her fully to be enjoyed during her life — I then I give and bequeath to my fifth son (The said 1722) my daughter Ephie the third my daughter Sarah and Abigail my daughter Lydia Cunningham my son John Cunningham my daughter Mary Lou my daughter Sarah Ann my daughter Sarah Cunningham my daughter Jane Cunningham my son Jacob Cunningham my son Joseph Cunningham my son Matthew Cunningham my son Moses Cunningham my son Aaron Cunningham my daughter Eliza Cunningham & my son David Cunningham all and singular my lands messuages and tenements all together with all my household goods and moveables equally and averly to be divided amongst them and by them fully to be possessed and enjoyed and it is the will of the aforementioned children that they receive or on the death of their living then the heirs of the deceased equally to be divided between those that are living

goods and movables equally and evenly to be divided amongst them and be them freely to be possessed
and enjoyed and it either of the above named children should die before or the death
their legacy then the legacy of the deceased equally to be divided between mine that are living
except my daughter Elizabeth Gatre and my daughter Susanna. I declare to have report
of the legacy that John Mungrove left to Mary my wife and after her death in May be
all my household goods and movables to be sold at public sale and division thereof to be
made so as that my executor shall be off and retain only enough to pay as much of the
goods and chattels as may be thought to be the equal part of all those that are under his
charge at the time my land also to be kept undivided until such time that my youngest
child comes to age or such time as he may refer himself that it may be for the support
of those that are yet to raise and as they shall come of age two men being duly sworn
shall value off to them their legacies according as things sold at the vendue and do
appoint and ordain Matthew Talbot and Joseph Epton the sole executors of this my last will
and testament and do utterly disallow revoke and annul all and every other former will
and testament in any way before now ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my last
will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day and
year first above written
Christopher C. C. Cunningham (Seal)
Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Christopher Cunningham as his
last will and testament of us

Robert Orr
Isaac Taylor

The foregoing will was proven in court by the oath of
Robert Orr one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and that he
saw Isaac Taylor sign the same as a witness at May Session
1783 and agreed to be recorded