

Will, NC, Bertie, Thomas TURNER 1810

I, Thomas **TURNER** of Bertie County, at this time very weak and low in health but through the merciful providence of God retaining my reason and memory, do make this my last will and testament.

And in the first place recommending my soul to God and my body to decent burial at the discretion of my executors, I dispose of my worldly estate as follows.

After payment of the expenses of burial and debts I give the whole of my estate to my dear wife **CATHARINE TURNER** and my tender and affectionate mother **ANNE TURNER** one half to each. But in case my wife **CATHARINE** should at this time prove with child I wish my estate to be divided equally between the said child, my wife **CATHARINE** and my mother **ANNE**, one third to each. The part given to my mother in either case I wish to be to her for the term of her life and at her death to go to my wife **CATHARINE**, or to my wife and child, of which she may now be pregnant, equally, as it may happen that she is pregnant or not. And if my wife **CATHARINE** shall die without leaving the Child of which she may now be pregnant living at her death, then my will is that so much of my estate as came by her shall go to her relations, or be disposed of as she shall think proper. And the residue to **SIMON [TURNER]** and **BETSEY TURNER**, the two orphan children of my brother **WILLIAM TURNER**, if then living, and if not then leave to my other relations. And to enable my executors to pay my debts I authorize them sell on such terms as they may deem most advisable all or any part of my Negroes except the woman **ROSE**, the boy **ACLESS** and girl **HANNAH** which three Negroes I give to my wife **CATHARINE** in part of her portion as before described.

I wish my executors also to sell my horse "IcaGull". I wish them also to sell that part of the land bought of my brother **WILLIAM TURNER**'s executors which lies on the west side of the road, my share in lots in Williamston, and to make title for my share of the mill tract and mill, as contracted for by me to General **WILLIAM WILLIAMS**.

My will further is that my executors use their discretion as to the sale of my negroes and either sell them to pay my debts, or keep them together that the debts may be paid from the profits of their labor.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my two friends and brother **DAVID STONE** and **SIMON TURNER** executors of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten.

THOMAS TURNER {seal}

[witnesses]

JONATHAN SPIVEY
JOSEPH J. PUGH

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State of North Carolina
Bertie County Court

May term 1810

This last will & testament of **THOMAS TURNER**, deceased, was exhibited to court by **DAVID STONE** and **SIMON TURNER**, esquires, the executors therein named and their execution thereof proved in due form of law by the oaths of **JONATHAN SPIVEY** and **JOSEPH J. PUGH**, the subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon it was ordered that the same be recorded and the said executors have qualified agreeable to law it was ordered that letters testamentary issue.

SOLOMON CHERRY, Junr. Clerk

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