

Will, NC, Currituck, **THOMAS SANDERSON** 1784

State of North Carolina
Currituck County

In the name of God, Amen.

In the year of our Lord 1784 August 10 day, I **THOMAS SANDERSON** Sr., of the county & aforesaid being very sick & weak of body but of perfect mind & memory, thanks be to God for the same. Therefore calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following,

PRINCIPALLY & FIRST I of all I recommend my soul into the hands of the Almighty God that first gave it me & touching my worldly goods & estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with, I do give and bequeath in manner & form following,

IMPRIMIS, I give & bequeath to loving wife **ANNE SANDERSON** the use of the plantation whereon I now live during her natural life as it is cut off & butted & after the decease of my said wife Anne, then son **JOHN SANDERSON** to him and his heirs forever, and in case my said son **JOHN SANDERSON** should die before his Mother or without lawful heirs of his body then to equally divided between my two Daughters **ANN SANDERSON** and **LYDA SANDERSON** to them and their heirs forever.

I also give and bequeath to said Wife during her natural life the use of all that part of Dues Quarter Island that I bought of my Son **THOMAS SANDERSON** as is mentioned in a bond for the conveyance of the same and also as may appear by a deed for the said land Dues Quarter Island and after the natural life of my said Wife then to said Son **JOHN SANDERSON** and his heirs forever, and in case my said Son **JOHN SANDERSON** should die before his Mother or without lawful heir of his body then in that case to go to my said Daughters **ANN** and **LYDA SANDERSON**, but in case that either of my two Daughters **ANN SANDERSON** and **LYDA SANDERSON** should die without lawful heirs of their body then go to the surviving Sister or the lawful heir of her body.

I also give and bequeath unto my said wife during her natural life the use of one negroe woman called JANOUS also one negroe fellow JUPITER, also one negroe woman called GRACE, also one negroe fellow called QUASH the use of each of the above negroes during her natural life and after her decease, three of which aforesaid negroes namely JUPITER, QUASH, and GRACE to go to my son **JOHN SANDERSON** and his heirs, and also after the decease of my wife then and in that case the other within mentioned negroe wench named JANOUS to go to my Daughter **JULIAN SANDERSON** and her heirs, Also I give to wife **ANN SANDERSON** the use of three feather beds and furniture during her natural life.

ITEM I give unto my Son **JOHN SANDERSON** one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs.

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ITEM I give to my Daughter **JULIAN SANDERSON** one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs

ITEM I give unto my Daughter **LYDA SANDERSON** one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs.

ITEM I give unto my Son **THOMAS SANDERSON** one maple desk to him and his heirs.

ITEM I give to my Daughter **MARY JARVES [MARY JARVIS]** one negroe girl that is named RACHEL which is now in her possession also two cows and calves likewise in her possession to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I give to my Daughter **ANN SANDERSON** one negroe girl named DIXE to her and her heirs, also one bed and furniture and three cows and calves to her and her heirs.

ITEM I give to my daughter **LYDA** before mentioned one negroe girl named TALLACAN to her and her heirs but also reserving the use of said negroe girl to the use of my Wife **ANN** until my said daughter may come to age of shall get married.

ITEM I give to my Daughter **JULIAN SANDERSON** one negroe girl called CHANIC to her and her heirs, but I do hereby reserve the use of said negroe girl to my Wife **ANN SANDERSON** until my said Daughter **JULIAN** shall come to age or is married.

ITEM I give unto my son **JOHN SANDERSON** one black walnut desk to him and his heirs.

ITEM I will and desire that one negroe girl called DELILY and also one iron bound cart be sold at six months credit to discharge any debts which may arrive at the same time not requiring the negroe to be sold should there be a possibility of doing without in that case I bequeath her said negroe DELILY to my Daughter **ANN SANDERSON** and her heirs.

ITEM I give and bequeath one little negroe boy named DICK to my Daughter **LYDA** and her heirs but also reserving the use of said negroe to my wife **ANN** until my said Daughter **LYDA** come to age or is married.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my Wife **ANN SANDERSON** all the residue of my estate that is not hereby or already given away, within doors or without for the support of my four children namely **ANN, JOHN, JULIAN,** and **LYDA,** and should my said Wife die before all of which is exhausted then to be equally divided amongst the said four children before mentioned

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Lastly I do hereby ordain and appoint my wife **ANN SANDERSON, JOHN SANDERSON** and **THOMAS HEATH** my whole and sole executors of this my Last Will and Testament utterly wholly and finally disannulling all other wills in testaments.

Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the year and day first mentioned and written.

THOMAS SANDERSON {seal}

Signed, sealed, published and declared in the presence of us

JOHN SANDERSON

WILLIS OVERTON, jurat {his mark}

EUSTACE OBIEN, jurat

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