

Will, NC, Edgecombe, THOMAS FOXHALL 1791

In the name of God Amen

I **THOMAS FOXHALL** of Edgecombe County in the state of North Carolina, being of perfect mind and sound memory, and calling to mind the necessity of a final settlement of my worldly affairs, do therefore and for that purpose make and ordained this my last will and testament revoking, canceling and making void all other will or wills by me already made or caused to be made, and as it has pleased God to bestow on me some lands, goods and chattels, it is my will and desire that after my decease and the payment of my just debts the same be disposed of in the following manner viz.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to my loving wife **SARAH FOXHALL** a negro woman named MOLL, one feather bed and furniture, 1 pine chest, one small trunk, one one wheel, one pair of cotton cards, one looking glass, one teapot, 1 punch bowl, 1 you and lamb, one loom, one slay and harness, one sitting chair, one quart bottle, 5 barrels of good corn, 300 weight of pork, one young breeding sow, one pewter forager, too small pewter basins, 6 spoons, and one small iron pot rack all to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

I LEND to my aforesaid wife 1 negro girl named JENNY her increase except two, one iron pot, one pewter dish, two plates, two case knives and two forks, one weeding hoe, one pair of pot hooks, one linen wheel and washing tub, one milk pail and one cow and calf all which articles I lend to my aforesaid wife during her widowhood and no longer and after her death or marriage it is my will and desire that the said articles now lent be divided between my sons **JOHN FOXHALL** and **THOMAS FOXHALL** and my daughter **MARY THORNTON** them and their heirs and assigns forever.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto my son **JOHN FOXHALL** the land and plantation were on he now lives, which I purchased of **GEORGE BRYANT**, I also give my son **JOHN** so much of another part of my land, as lies between the lines of **JOHN BRYANT**, **EVIN BRYANT**, **BYTHAL BELL**, and the Owl Pond Branch, also my smallest still with the worm and tub, and all my smith's tools and crosscut saw and one negro woman named ... and her increase to him his heirs and assigns forever.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto my son **THOMAS FOXHALL** all the remainder of my lands not already given to my son **JOHN FOXHALL**, also my largest still, worm and tub and my best whip saw, one large iron bound pine chest, one narrow ax, 1 broad hoe, and one negro woman named PHILLIS, and one negro boy son of PHILLIS named DICK they and their increase, and one pistol gun to him his heirs and assigns forever.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto my daughter **MARY [FOXHALL] THORNTON** one negro boy named ISAAC, one trading gun, and £50 current money to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto my granddaughter **ANN FOXHALL** one negro girl named ROSE and her increase in £20 current money to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto my granddaughter **SALLY FOXHALL** one negro girl named ROSE and her increase in £30 current money to her her heirs and assigns forever.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto my granddaughter **POLLY [FOXHALL] PITT** one negro girl named FEREBEE and her increase & c., £40 current money to her her assigns forever.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto my daughter **JOANA [FOXHALL] SURGNER** £50 current money to her her heirs and assigns forever.

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I lend to my aforesaid daughter **JOANA [FOXHALL] SURGERNER** one at negro woman named FANN and her increase to her use and benefit during her natural life, and after her death to be equally divided between all her children which are now in existence on May or may Hereafter be the lawful representatives of her body to them their heirs and assigns forever.

It is my will and desire that all the rest of my estate which I have not already given away in the above legatees shall be sold at the discretion of my executors which shall be here after nominated and appointed to this my last will and testament and the money arising from the sale there of to be equally divided between my children **JOHN FOXHALL, THOMAS FOXHALL, and MARY [FOXHALL] THORNTON** and the same to be to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly I constitute in a point my two sons **JOHN FOXHALL** and **THOMAS FOXHALL** and my trusty friends **BRITON BRYANT** and **WILLIAM BELL** my lawful executors to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and a fixed my seal this 6th day of July 1791.

**THOMAS FOXHALL** {seal}

The words her and between interlined before signed.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us

**WILLIAM R. GRAY**  
**ELIZABETH FORT**  
**WILLIAM FORT**  
**BYTHAL BELL**  
**WILLIAM BELL**  
**WHITMILL BELL**

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Edgecombe County

August Court 1792

The within was exhibited into court by the executors and proved by the oath of **WILLIAM ROBERT GRAY** and **BYTHAL BELL** and **JOHN FOXHALL** and **THOMAS FOXHALL** two of the executors therein named were qualified. Then ordered that the same be certified and the will recorded.

Test

**EDWARD HALL**, Clerk of Court

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