

Will, NC, Johnston, Henry Youngblood 1773

In the name of God, Amen.

I **HENRY YOUNGBLOOD** of the county of Johnston in the province of North Carolina, being in perfect health & firm mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of Life and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament &

PRINCIPALLY AND FIRST of all I give and recommend my soul unto Almighty God that gave it me & c.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife **MARY ANN YOUNGBLOOD** one horse bridle and saddle, one feather bed and furniture, and two cows and calves.

I also give and bequeath unto my son **WILLIAM YOUNGBLOOD** my manor plantation and three hundred and fifty acres of land whereon it stands, lying on both sides of Swift Creek, also my gun and working tools and wearing clothes.

I also give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter **ALI** one cow and calf and feather bed and furniture.

I also give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter **SARAH** one cow and calf.

I also give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter **MARY** one cow and calf.

I also give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter **ANN** one cow and calf.

And I have reason to believe that my beloved wife is now with child. It is my will and desire that if it be born & lives that it shall have one hundred and fifty acres of land lying on the south side of Swift Creek, beginning at **VOLOWAY**'s hole running south to the back line; thence along the said lines as and to **JOHN SANDER**'s line; thence down the said Creek to the beginning, and if it does not live and come of age to heir the said land, it is my will and desire that my daughter Ann & her heirs shall have it.

And I do lend my beloved wife the use of the plantation, stock, household furniture during her widowhood or until my said son comes of age. And in case my wife should marry before he comes of age, it is my will and desire that the plantation be rented out for the best price that can be got and the stock and all the movable part of the estate sold to the best advantage and the money arising therefrom with the rent of the plantation to be equally divided among my [children].

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife **MARY ANN** and my brother **THOMAS YOUNGBLOOD** my executrix and executor of this my last will and testament, with whom I leave one new saddle, two fleshing knives & one currying knife, all my "shoc lasts" to sell for money to discharge the debts that I owe.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of May, 1773.

HENRY YOUNGBLOOD

THOMAS YOUNGBLOOD
JAMES NORRIS
ROBERT DODD

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Then was this will proved in open court by the oath of James Norris, a subscribing witness thereto in due form of law, and **MARY ANN YOUNGBLOOD**, executrix and **THOMAS YOUNGBLOOD** executor came into court and renounced their office of executorship of the said will.

And the aforesaid **MARY ANN YOUNGBLOOD**, widow and relict of the said decedent came into court and objected to the legacies & devises therein given to her as not being equal to her dower, which she is entitled to by law, whereupon administration on the estate of the said decedent is granted to the said **MARY ANN YOUNGBLOOD** who enters into bond with **JAMES NORRIS** and **THOMAS TOMLINSON** her securities in the sum of five hundred pounds proc. Money and qualified as administratrix and returned an inventory on oath according to law. Ordered to be filed.

WILLIAM WARD, Clerk