

**Will, NC, Johnston, Joseph Thomas 1763**

In the name of God Amen.

I, **JOSEPH THOMAS**, being very weak and in low, lingering condition, but thanks be to God of good and perfect memory to bequeath my soul to almighty God that gave it me and my body to be buried after ye discretion of my executors and after my funeral expenses discharged and debts being paid I bequeath my estate as followeth.

ITEM. I lend on to my loving wife **ANN [THOMAS]** the use of my Plantation where on I now live, for 15 years, also the use of my negro boy **SAM**, also the use of one negro wench if purchased during 15 years.

ITEM. I leave my above said Plantation after the time of 15 years to my executor to sell for ready money or a slave and the said money see above if purchased to be equally divided between my two children **MARY [THOMAS]** and **TEMPERANCE [THOMAS]**.

ITEM. As for my negro boy **SAM** after the time of 15 years is expired my will and desire is for him to be equally divided between my two children and for that money said **THOMAS TOMLINSON** owes, when it becomes due, my desire is that my executives do receive it and purchase a young breeding negro wench, and if any money left, to be put to use and the negro, if purchased, I do lend to my loving wife and till the 15 years is expired then to be equally divided between my two children.

As to all my Hogs as soon as fit for Market my desire is that my executor has to dispose to the best Advantage for ready money and the money put to use for my children by my executors.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my loving wife **ANN** four breeding sows, and all my cattle, and also my mare, and saddle, also for feather beds and furniture and all the remainder part of my household goods. My will and desire is that my children be put to school two years and the schooling be paid out of my estate.

I do appoint **JAMES WOOTEN** and **ELIJAH THOMAS** my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament.

As witness my hand and seal this 23rd day of June 1763.

**JOSEPH THOMAS** {seal}

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**WILLIAM WALL**

**JOSEPH BENNETT**

**JOHN STARLING** {his x mark}

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