

**Will, NC, Bertie, Thomas TURNER 1775**

In the name of God, Amen.

I **THOMAS TURNER** of Bertie County and Province of North Carolina, being in my perfect senses and calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life, I do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in the following manner.

FIRST I recommend my soul to almighty God who gave it and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. My worldly goods I dispose of in the following manner.

FIRST I desire that all my just debts be paid as soon as possible after my death.

ITEM My will and desire is that my son **DAVID [TURNER]** have my **PLANTATION** and land whereon I now live, he paying to each of my other four sons **THOMAS [TURNER]**, **BENAIAH [TURNER]**, **AMOS [TURNER]** and **ABISHA [TURNER]** each one hundred pounds proclamation money if any of my sons should die before they come to the age of twenty one years or on the day of marriage then my will and desire is that his part be equally divided between the surviving brothers. If my son **DAVID** after my decease should refuse taking my land on the above terms, it my will and desire that my executors sell my said land & plantation for ye best price that may be had for It and the money arising from the sale of ye said land be equally divided between my above said five sons as above and upon my son **DAVID's** refusing the land as above mentioned I do hereby empower my executors to sell my said land and give a deed for it.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **ABISHA** one negro boy called PLATO to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **HANAH [HANNAH TURNER]** the following Negroes SOPHA and SUE to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **MARY [TURNER]** the two following Negroes SETHERA and PEN to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten.

My will an desire is that the remaining part of my estate heretofore not given be equally divided between my five sons: **DAVID, THOMAS, BENAIAH, AMOS, and ABISHA.**

Revoking all former wills heretofore by me made.

I do constitute and appoint my son **DAVID** my son **THOMAS** and my son **BENAIAH** executors to this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this eighth day of November in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred & seventy five.

**THOMAS TURNER** {seal}

Signed, sealed & published in presence of:

**WILLIAM GRAY**  
**STEVENS GRAY** Jurat  
**MOORE BILLUPS** Jurat

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Bertie County

May Court 1776

Proved in open court and due form of law by the oath of **WILLIAM GRAY**, Esq., **STEVENS GRAY** and **MOORE BILLUPS** the three subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be registered.

**JOHN JOHNSTON**, CC

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