

Will, NC, Craven, Solomon Griffin 1766

The Last Will and
Testament of **SOLOMON**
GRIFFIN Dec'd proved
April Court 1766

Letters Issued

Recorded in the Clerks
office of Craven County

CHRISTOPHER NEALE C. I. C.

Father of **MOSES GRIFFIN**

WILLIAM CARROWAY, Executor Qualified

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North Carolina
Craven County

In the name of God, Amen.

I **SOLOMON GRIFFIN** of the county & province aforesaid though low and weak in body, yet of a perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for it, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament, that is to say:

PRINCIPALLY AND FIRST of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner. And touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of in the following manner:

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **ALIE GRIFFIN** one negro man called CESAR and one feather bed and furniture, one horse called Spark, one mare called Fancy, one cow and calf and heifer, one linen wheel, one "wholing Leto" and two dishes, two plates and half a dozen spoons to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **SOLOMON GRIFFIN** the plantation whereon I now live beginning at the lower corner, running up the creek for one hundred and thirty acres and thence to back line of the patent, one mare colt to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **JESSE GRIFFIN** one hundred and thirty acres of land joining his brother **SOLOMON**'s and running up the creek for the content thence to the back line and one mare yearling to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **MOSES GRIFFIN** one hundred and thirty acres of land joining his brother **JESSE**, it being the residue of the patent and on mare yearling to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I leave sixty five pounds, when received of **WILLIAM HOLLOWAY** to buy a negro GAIL, and the said negro GAIL together with all the residue of my estate, both real and personal to be equally divided between my three sons, **SOLOMON [GRIFFIN]**, **MOSES [GRIFFIN]** and **JESSE [GRIFFIN]** when SOLOMON comes to age twenty one years.

I do hereby ordain and appoint my daughter **ALIE GRIFFIN** and **DANIEL VENDRICK** and **WILLIAM CARRAWAY Jr.** executors of this my Last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixteenth day of February one thousand seven hundred and sixty six.

SOLOMON GRIFFIN

Signed, sealed, published and decared by the said SOLOMON GRIFFIN to be his Last Will and Testament in the presents of us, the subscribers.

WILLIAM CARRAWAY

JOHN VENDRICK Jr. {his mark}

SARAH STREET {her mark}

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Present, His Majesty's Justices

The within Last Will and Testament of **SOLOMON GRIFFIN** was exhibited into open court and proved by the oath of **JOHN VENDRICK**, one of the subscribing evidences thereto, who swore that he saw the testator sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be and contain his Last Will and Testament, and that at the time thereof he was of sound, disposing memory and that he also saw **WILLIAM CARRAWAY** and **SARAH STREET** sign as concurring evidences with him thereto.

Also at the same time **WILLIAM CARRAWAY** and **DANIEL VENDRICK**, two of the executors within named, qualified as such agreeable to law.

Ordered that Mr. Secretary have notice that Letters Testamentary issue thereon accordingly.

CHRISTOPHER NEALY, C. I. C.

[Wife is **SARAH BRYAN** d/o **JOHN BRYAN** and **ALICE MACQUE**]

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