

Will, NC, Cumberland, Thomas Armstrong 1765

In the name of God Amen.

I **THOMAS ARMSTRONG** of the province of North Carolina and County of Cumberland Esquire being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, blessed be God, do this 18th day of January in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty five make and publish this my last will and testament in manor following, that is to say:

FIRST I give and bequeath unto my well-beloved wife **MARGARET [ARMSTRONG]** her third of the plantation where on I now live, during her natural life, together with a negro wench named DOLL with 1/3 part of all the movable estate wherewith I am presently possessed, to hold to her and her heirs forever; provided it always that my daughter **JEAN [ARMSTRONG]** is to have all the increase of said wench as long as my said wife lives.

I give to my son **WILLIAM ARMSTRONG** the plantation were on I now live, also the piece of land that joins the tract which he bought of **WILLIAM HODGES** on Cape Fear River; with a negro boy named DUBLIN, to hold to him and his heirs forever. Provided always that my said son shall pay to my daughter **JEAN** fifty pounds proc money on her day of marriage.

Also I give and bequeath to my son **JOHN [ARMSTRONG]** the upper half of the tract of land where on I now live together with the buildings and improvements there on erected, and one negro boy named DERRY to hold to him and his heirs forever.

Also I give and bequeath to my son **THOMAS [ARMSTRONG]** the lower half of the tract of land where on I now live together with one negro boy named PETER to hold to him and his heirs forever, provided always that my said son Thomas or his heirs shall pay to my daughter Jean the sum of fifty pounds proc money when he shall arrive or might have arrived at the age of 21 years of age.

I also give to my daughter **JEAN** besides the other things here in mentioned two hundred acres of land lying on ..anis Creek to hold, her and her heirs and assigns forever, together with one negro fellow named PRINCE. But in case that my said daughter should die before she is married, that then I desire her part of my estate shall be equally divided between my sons **JOHN** and **THOMAS**. Then it is my desire that two hundred acres of land which I have and DUPLIN County two hundred acres of land in BLADEN County and two hundred acres of land in CUMBERLAND County on Dunham's Creek with a house and lot in CAMPBELLTON, my negro NED and SILVIA, if necessary and my big still and what other of my personal estate that can be best spared to pay my debts may be sold by my executives hereinafter named and after all my just debts and funeral charges be paid that then the remainder of the money arising by the sale and the remainder of my movable personal state is to be equally divided between my children **JOHN, JEAN, and THOMAS**.

Lastly I make an ordained my well-beloved wife **MARGARET ARMSTRONG** executrix and my son **WILLIAM ARMSTRONG** my friend **RICHARD GROVE** of this my last will and testament, hereby ratifying, allowing, and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

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In Witness where of I the said **THOMAS ARMSTRONG** have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day in your above written.

The word part interlined in the 12th line and the words I said in the 16th line from the beginning before signed.

THOMAS ARMSTRONG {seal}

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said **THOMAS ARMSTRONG**, the testator, as in for his last will and testament and the presence of us who were present at the signing and sealing thereof.

JOHN ARMSTRONG
GEORGE ARMSTRONG

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May Court 1765

Then was the execution of this will in open court in due form of law proved by the oath of **JOHN ARMSTRONG** and **GEORGE ARMSTRONG**, the subscribing witnesses, and order to be recorded and recorded in the minutes of said Court.

RICHARD GROVE

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