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North Carolina]
Mecklenburg County] 2 Feb 1782

In the name of God Amen.

I, **JOSEPH THOMAS** of the county of Mecklenburg and the state of North Carolina being weakened body but of sound mind and memory thanks be to God therefore calling to mind that it is appointed for all men wants to die make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I commend to the dust to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executor and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it have pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form Viz.

I give and bequeath unto **SARAH THOMAS** my dearly beloved wife all and singular that part of my estate which became mine by our intermarriage and which she was entitled to by her former husband the property of which was heard that day before she became my wife.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto **ALLEN THOMAS** my beloved son the one half of the value of all my lands and tenements.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto **JOSEPH THOMAS** my beloved son the other half of the value of all of my lands as aforesaid.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto **LUCY THOMAS** my beloved daughter all and singular my bed and bed clothes and wearing apparel which belong to **MARY THOMAS** my former wife which is now in the care and custody of **JAMES BRYAN** which is it is further and pleasure that my executor after my decease should sell and dispose of so much of my estate as may be sufficient for the payment of my debt just debts and that after my just debts are paid the remainder of my estate should remain in his hands to be disposed of as he shall think most for the advantage of my two sons.

It is further my will and pleasure that all the remainder be equally divided between **ALLEN THOMAS** and **JOSEPH THOMAS** when they separately arrived at the age of twenty one years respectively arrive at the age of twenty one years.

I give and bequeath unto **JAMES BRYAN** my brother in law all and singular my lands and tenements to him his heirs and assigns forever and trust never the less that he as soon as conveniently maybe after my decease May sell and dispose of the same for the best price that may be had and the money arising from the sale be divided as herein before directed.

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It is further my will and pleasure that in case any of my children should die before the age of twenty one years and before marriage that then and in that case such legateses there shall remain be equally divided among the surviving legateses and I do hereby constitute and appoint **JAMES BRYAN** my brother in law my sole executor of this my last will and testament and do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all any and every other former testaments wills legacies and executive by me in any wise named willed or bequeathed before ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said **JOSEPH THOMAS** have here on to set my hand and seal this 2nd day of February 1782.

Signed sealed pronounced and declared by the said **JOSEPH THOMAS** as his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

WILLIAM ORR, Jurat
SARAH ALLEN
HEZ. ALEXANDER [HEZEKIAH ALEXANDER]

JOSEPH THOMAS {seal}