

Will, NC, Orange, JAMES COZART 1805

In the name of God Amen.

December 7th 1805.

I **JAMES COZART** senior of the County of Orange in the state of North Carolina being very low and weak of body but a perfect mind and sound memory, and knowing that it is appointed by God for all men wants to die, do constitute, appoint and declare this to be my last will and testament. Revoking and annulling all and every other will or Testament heretofore by me made, either by word or writing, and this to be taken only for my last will and testament and none other, and this alone, to be taken for my last will and testament.

IMPRIMIS my desire is that all of my just debts be punctually paid by my executors, hereafter named, out of all the legatees parts of my estate.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **HIRAM BRINKLEY COZART** all of my lands lying in Person County, viz: 1303 acres with the Gristmill thereon. There must be a Miller kept to attend on said Mill until **HIRAM BRINKLEY COZART** comes to the age of 21 years and all the profits arising from the said Mill at the end of said term of yours must be equally divided between my three sons **HIRAM [COZART]**, **DAVID [COZART]**, and **WILLIAM [COZART]** what corn is made on said above named lands these present your is to be equally divided with all the profits arising on said above lands for seven years thereafter between my three sons **HIRAM, DAVID, and WILLIAM**. I also give to my son **HIRAM BRINKLEY COZART** Negro man named DICK, one horse, bridle and saddle.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **DAVID COZART** 300 acres of my Orange County, lands being on the west side of my Plantation and joining Flat River. Also I give said **DAVID** one Negro man called SAM, one horse, bridle and saddle.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM COZART** the remaining part of my Orange County lands on the East containing 366 Acres also I give unto said **WILLIAM** one Negro man named SQUIRE also one horse bridle and saddle.

All the above request property is not to be delivered until either of my sons until they severally come to the age of 21 years.

ITEM I give into mizon to my beloved wife **SARAH [BRINKLEY] COZART** all my personal household property with all my working utensils of every denomination, and the plantation where on I now live, during her natural life or widowhood. I also give to my wife 3 Negroes named MILLEY, JOE, and FLORA. During her natural life or widowhood and all the above named personal property to be at her full disposal during her natural life or widowhood. And that all the above named personal property and Negro bequeathed to my wife **SARAH** shall be fully at her disposal to do what she shall deem most proper with. I also gave to my wife **SARAH** one small Negro boy named YOUNG JOE, and said negro boy is to be her own property during her natural life and that her full disposal and at her decease, that is if she has no issue during her natural life, also if she has issue hereafter then this YOUNG JOE and all the other property in her hands to be equally divided between my three youngest girls namely **EDY BRINKLEY COZART, JEMIMA COZART, and SARAH COZART**.

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ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **LIVELY BRINKLEY COZART** negro wench named CELIA also one mare, saddle and bridle, two cows and calves, one bed and furniture, and other household furniture at the discretion of my Widow and said property is not to be delivered until her tell she comes of full age or on the day of her marriage that is to say if she is satisfied with my will as I have made it and relinquishes all claim to any other Negro property than her part bequeathed to her to stand good, otherwise if she should contend for any more than she is to be this annulled of all and singular the property bequeath to her and this will accept the Negro wench.

ITEM I give into my house to my daughter **EDY BRINKLEY [COZART]** negro wench named TABBY, one mare saddle and bridle, two cows and calves, one bed and furniture and other household furniture at the discretion of my Widow, which is not to be delivered to her until the day of her marriage or when she arrives at full age.

ITEM I get us and devise to my daughter **JEMIMA [COZART]** negro wench named BET also one other Negro wench named HANNAH also one mare, saddle and bridle, two cows and calves one bed and Furniture also household property at the discretion of my Widow and said property of all kinds is not to be delivered to her until the day of her marriage or when she comes of full age.

ITEM I give into my house to my daughter **SARAH [COZART]** negro wench named KIZIA also one mare, bridle and saddle, two cows and calves, one bed and furniture and other household property at the discretion of my Widow she also must have the increase of said KIZIA, which property is not to be delivered to her until the day of her marriage or when she comes of full age.

ITEM my desire is that my wagon and three horses may be sold by the discretion of my Executives and such a monies arising from said sale to be put out at interest by my executor until my three youngest girls come of age namely **EDY BRINKLEY COZART, JEMIMA COZART** and **SARAH COZART** and then an equal division of said money to be made amongst the three girls above-mentioned in what cash may be on hand at my decease, my desire is that it may be put out at interest by my executor and remain at interest my two girls namely, **EDY BRINKLEY COZART, JEMIMA COZART** and **SARAH COZART** comes to full age and then to be equally divided among them by my executors.

Also I have left in the possession of **JAMES [TOMISON] THOMASON** who married **CHARLOTTE [COZART]** four Negroes namely ROSE and three of her children, viz, AMY, RANSOM, and DICK together with one horse, saddle and bridle, one bed and Furniture, two cows and calves and all the other necessities for housekeeping and if the said **JAMES THOMASON** shall prove dissatisfied with that part he has in his hands or contend for anymore, then he shall bring all the above-mentioned property back again and throw it in with the other three girls property namely **LIVELY B. COZART, EDY B. COZART,** and **JEMIMA [COZART]** that is bequest to them, and receive an equal part with them by my executives.

I further nominate and appoint my beloved wife **SARAH COZART** as executrix to this my last will and testament my desire is that the court of Orange shall nominate and appoint an Executor to act with my Widow.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date first above written.

JAMES COZART Senior {seal, his mark}

Signed and sealed in the presence of all the enter lining in this Testament was done before signing

ALEXANDER "McMillen"

JOHN TAYLOR Senior {his mark}

RACHEL HOPKINS {her mark}

Executor qualified

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