

Will of John Pipkin – May 21, 1745 – Chowan County, NC

In the name of God Amen May the twenty first day 1745 I John Pipkin of Chowan County in North Carolina being sick and weak but of sound mind and perfect memory praise be to Almighty God for it do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first and principally commending my soul into the hands of almighty God hoping through the meritorious death and passion of my Savior Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life and my body committed to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and as touching all such temporal estate as it has pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as..

First my will is that all my just debts and funeral charges be honestly paid and discharged.

IMPRIMIS - I give and bequeath to my son Phillip Pipkin my plantation where I now live to him and his heirs forever and in case he dies before he comes to age to go to my son Joseph Pipkin and as far as my land marked by a line of marked trees joining to my plantation I give and bequeath to my two sons Lewis and Isaac Pipkin being part of the survey of land I now live upon southward I give to my son Lewis Pipkin and the west part to my son Isaac

Pipkin. I give to them and their heirs forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Daniell Pipkin a peace of land upon Milly Swamp being part of the tract that his brother John Pipkin did formerly live upon, I give to him and his heirs forever and in case that either of the three Daniell Pipkin, Lewis Pipkin or Isaac Pipkin should dye then the said land to fall to the brother in corse.

ITEM: I give to my son Joseph Pipkin a negro boy called Jack and my riding horse and bridle and saddle.

ITEM: I give to my son Daniel Pipkin two leather chairs, two pewter dishes and three pewter plates and two cows and a calf and a young steer about two or three years old and two sheep.

ITEM: I give to my son Isaac Pipkin a negro boy called Rollin.

ITEM: I give to my son Steward Pipkin a feather bed and furniture belonging to it and two pewter dishes and three plates and one iron pot two cows and calves and young of two or three years old and two sheep.

ITEM: I give to my son Jesse Pipkin a negro girl called Dorety.

ITEM: I give to my daughter Mary Pipkin a negro girl called Dina.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my younger daughter Martha Pipkin a feather bed and furniture and least ovall table two pewter dishes and three plates one iron pot two cows and calves and a young steer and two sheep and also

ITEM: I give to my son Phillip Pipkin a bed and furniture and young ___ a steer about three years old and if in case any of my children herein mentioned should die before they come to age then their part be given whatever it be negro or household stuff or cattle to be equally divided amongst the rest herein mentioned.

ITEM: I give to my loving wife Martha Pipkin a negro woman named Hannah and her increase from the date hereof and my negro man Ned and all the remaining part of my estate goods chattels during her natural life or widowhood and then to be equally divided amongst my children herein mentioned and LASTLY I appoint and nominate my loving

wife Martha Pipkin and my son Joseph Pipkin to be my Executors of this my last will and testament utterly revoking all other will or wills that hath been made by me heretofore in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal.

John (X) Pipkin

Signed sealed and delivered

in presence of Henry Goodman Sr, Henry Goodman Jr, Timothy Goodman

Proved in his Majesty's Court of Chowan County, North Carolina July 18, 1745 with Martha Pipkin and Joseph Pipkin issued letters of Administration.