

Will of John TWINE - Perquimans County In the name of God Amen, I John TWINE of the state of North Carolina in the county of Perquimans. Planter Living at this time weak and low of health but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be unto God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for once all to die and do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I recommend my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. Nothing doubting but at the general resurrection to share the same by the mighty power of God and as touching my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life. I give and devise and dispose of the same in manner and firm as followith that is to say First of all I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas TWINE one negro man called Buck, and his heirs forever and no more, Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Perry one Negro girl called Venus to her and her heirs forever and no more, Item I give and bequeath unto my son Jesse TWINE one Negro boy called Bob, to him and his heirs forever Item I give and bequeath unto my son Abraham TWINE one negro boy called Sambo also one half of my land and plantation one half of my orchard one half of my houses, and one half of my still at the time of his being twenty one years of age, and likewise at my wifes death or marriage I give and bequeath unto my Said son Abraham TWINE the other half of my orchard land and plantation and of my Houses and of my copper still, unto him and his heirs forever and in case my Son Abraham TWINE should with lawful heir I then give all and every artickle aforesaid to be equally divided between my two sons John TWINE and Jesse TWINE them and their heirs forever Item I give and bequeath unto my son John TWINE one negro boy called Flint to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Elisha TWINE one negro boy called Steal to him and his heirs forever. Item I lend the use of all the remaining part of my estate of what kind and nature it be unto my loving wife Pleasant TWINE during her natural life or widowhood and in case my wife should marry, then it is my will that all my negroes excepting those I have already given away be equally divided amongst all my children except Thomas TWINE and Elizabeth Perry and it is my sole and desire that my loving wife Pleasant TWINE do lend unto my daughter such household goods and stock as she may best spare. Last of all I minister constitute and appoint Jacob Gordon, Thomas TWINE Abraham and Jesse TWINE Executors of this my last Will and Testament satisfying and confirming this to be my last Will and Testament desiring myexecutors above mentioned to see the same executed faithfully, In witness whereof I the Said John TWINE have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal, this thirteenth day of May and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty and one. Signed Sealed pronounced and declared to be the last Will John TWINE (Seal) and Testament of the Testator- Joseph Perry Abraham Riddick Jesse Winslow And I John TWINE do upon further consideration leave and empower my executors before mentioned to sell any part of perishable estate that they may think will be most for the advantage of my children and likewise to hire out any of my negroes that is not particular given away as they shall think most advantageous for my wife and children and I also do appoint heretofore my friend Caleb Winslow to be my Executors, and date to this my last will, heretofore and I also declare this to be my will and to be of as much force and known as my will and Signed this 30th day of May 1781, Signed Sealed pronounced John TWINE {Seal} And declared as part of my Last will and Testament This 22nd day of May 1782 In the

presence of - Joseph Perry Caleb Winslow Proved in open court by the oath of Joseph Perry one of the evidences these unto at the same time Thomas TWINE one of the executors therein named approved in open court and was qualified agreeable to law, Test T Harvey C.C.C. Recorded this 25th day of April 1784 By T Harvey C.C.C.