

Thomas Holder's Will

In the name of God Amen January 19th 1773 I Thomas Holder of the Province of North Carolina and County of Bertie being weak in Body but of perfect and sound Memory Thanks be given to God for it. Therefore calling to mind the mortality of my Body & Knowing that it is appointed For all men one to die Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to say Perinepally & First of all I Recommend my Soul into the Hands of God who Gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be Buried in a Decent and Christian Like manner at the Discretion of my Executors Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the Same by the might Power of God And as Touching Such Worldly Estate as it hath Pleas'd God to Possess me with in the Life I give Demise & Dispose of the same in the Following manner and Form

Imprimis I give and Bequeath unto my youngest son Elisha Holder the Plantation Whereon I live (His mother having her Thirds There in and one House which she shall choose Her Life time and afterwards to come to the said Elisha) Containing two hundred & twenty acres Bounded by the watering Hole Branch & James Williams line & joining Bakers line at the head and Lying on the North side of Cashy Swamp likewise my still to him said Elisha his heirs and assigns forever.

Itam I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Holder one Tract of land containing one hundred and fifty acres beginning at a Gum in in the mouth of the watering hole Branch running up the Branch to Herbert Prichards line and binding by Lovinars Line to Cashy Swamp and thence to the First Station to her the said Elizabeth Holder her heirs and assigns for ever

Itam I lend to Susanna Holder my beloved wife one bed one pot Eight head of hogs Two cows & calves During her life and after her decesae to be Equally divided between Elisha and Elizabeth Holder equally to be divided and all my household goods & effects and all my stock of Cattle Horses hogs and sheep and all my Estate with in Dore's & without to be equally & severally divided between them said Elisha & Elizabeth their heirs and assigns for ever

Itam I give & bequeath unto my Two Eldest sons John & Thomas Holder one shilling sterling money a piece to them their heirs and assigns for ever

Itam I likewise constitute and appoint my Two eldest sons John & Thomas Holder to be my sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament

And I do here by uterly disannual Revoke and Disallow all and Every Former Will and Testament and Executors by me in any ways before named Willed & Bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last Will and Testament

In witness whereof I have here to Set my hand and Seal the Day and Year above written

Signed Sealed Published Thomas Holder (His - X - Mark)

Pronounced & Delivered

By me the said Thomas Holder

As his Last Will and Testament

In presents of Us~

James Williams

Elizabeth Williams (Her - E - Mark)

Herbert Prichard

Bertie Coutny

May Court 1774

This may certify that this will was moved in ---- form of ---- in open Court by the oaths of James Williams and Herbert Prichard to of the subscribing witnesses and ---- to be -----