

*The Will of Solomon King Gates Co., N.C. 1794:*

*In the name of God, Amen, I Solomon King of Gates County in the State of North Carolina being of perfect sense and memory I do hereby make and ordain my last will and Testament first I Give and Recommend my Soul unto God that gave it to me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like manner and I am in hopes of its Joyful Resurrection and my worldly Goods and Estate I give and dispose of in the following manner and form:*

*ITEM: I give and Bequeath unto my beloved wife Abigail King one negro man named Dave and one negro man named Bob and one negro woman named Chery the daughter of Bett and one negro woman named Tenn and four feather beds and bedsteads and furniture belonging to them and two horses one a Bay Called Trim and the other a sorrel and one Yoak of Oxen and twenty head of Cattle and fifteen head of sheep and forty head of hogs and two Chests and one trunk and one Case with fifteen bottles and all my ready money and all the debts due to me and She my said wife to pay all Lawful demands that may come against my Estate and unto her and her heirs and assigns forever.*

*ITEM: I lend unto my beloved wife Abigail King all my lands in Gates County orchards and Still and one negro man named Hary and one negro man named Anthony and one negro man named Ceaser and one grey mare called Flower and one House Clock and one Book Case and desk and one corner Cubbard and Seven leather Bottomed Chears and one riding Chear for the time of her natural life or widowhood.*

*ITEM: After the death or marriage of said Abigail King I give my negro man Hary and my riding Chear to my daughter Mary Goodman to her and her heirs and assigns.*

*ITEM: I give unto my Grandson Solomon King Goodman one negro girl named Mille which he has in his possession.*

*ITEM: After the death or marriage of my wife Abigail King I give my negro man Ceaser unto my granddaughter Mary Goodman to her and her heirs and assigns.*

*ITEM: After the death or marriage of my wife Abigail King I give my negro man Anthony unto my Grandson, William Goodman to him his heirs and assigns.*

*ITEM: I leave in the care of my executors and at their descretion for the necessary support of my daughter Elizabeth Tynns (Tyner or Tynes) and my son-in-law Thomas Tynns and my Grandson Nathaniel Tynns my land and plantation in Edgecombe County and eleven negroes six of them in Edgecombe County names Jim, Beck, Jerry, Sam, Rachel and Joe, the other five in Gates County names Sela, Rode, Cate, Robin and Dick. And also a parcel of Household Goods at my plantation in Edgecombe County now in the care of Isam Holomon and I do empower my executors to sell one or two of said negroes if need be or necessarily require it for the support of the said family at the descretion of my Executors for the term or time of my daughter Elizabeth Tynns (or Tyner) and my son-in-law Thomas Tynns life time.*

*ITEM: After the death of my daughter Elizabeth Tynns (or Tyner) and my son-in-law Thomas Tynns then I give the said land and plantation in Edgewcombe County unto my Grandson Nathaniel Tynns to him and his heirs and assigns forever.*

*ITEM: I give the said negroes To Wit. Jim, Beck, Terry, Sam, Joe, Sela, Roda, Cate, Robin, Rachel and Dick and their increase if any after this time to be equally divided among all the children of the said Elizabeth to them and their heirs and assigns.*

*ITEM: I give unto my Granddaughter Abigail Porter one feather bed and bedstead and furniture belonging to it and one Trunk, an ten pounds Virginia Money and the money to be put out on Intrust by my Executors and paid her when she is Eighteen years old.*

*ITEM: I give unto my grandson Elisha Porter Ten pounds Virginia Money and that to be put on Intrust until he is twenty-one years old by my Executors.*

*ITEM: I give unto my daughter Martha Sumner one Sweat Gumb desk and one Mahogany table and one Mahogeny Case with fifteen Bottels.*

*ITEM: After the death or marriage of my wife Abigail King I give and devise unto my Grandson Demsy King Sumner the Land and plantation on the west side of Cypress Swamp which I purchased of Jacob Menshew in Gates County unto him and his Heirs and assigns.*

*ITEM: After the death or marriage of my wife Abigail King I leave in the care of my Executors and at there descretion for the necessary Support of my daughter Abigail Vollentine and her children the use of my plantation and Lands that I purchased of John Lee in Gates County whereon I do now Live on the west side of Cypress Swamp and a parcel of land adjoining the same which I purchased of Jacob Menshew on the East side of the Swamp it being all the land that I purchased of Jacob Menshew on the East side of the said Cypress Swamp and one Gray Mear called Flower and one book case Desk and one House Clock and Seven Leather Bottomed Chears and my corner cubard for the term of time of my daughter Abigail Vollentines natural life and after that she decease I give and devise and bequeath the Said plantation and Lands and property unto all the children of my said daughter Abigail Vollentine to be equally Divided among them all and to them and their heirs and assigns forever.*

*ITEM: I lend all the Remainder part of my Estate of nature or kind whatsoever unto my beloved wife Abigail King for the term of time of her natural life or widowhood and after the death or marriage of my said wife Abigail King I give all the said remainder part of my estate unto my three Grandchildren to Wit. Mary Goodman, Abigail Porter and Rebecca King Vollentine and that to be sold by my Executors and the money to be put out on Intrust (interest) until the said children come to twenty-one years old and then to be equally Divided among them all and to them and their Heirs and assigns.*

*ITEM: I give all my wearing apparel unto my four Grandchildren to be equally divided amongst them to wit. Solomon King Goodman and Solomon King Vollentine and Elisha Porter and Dempsey King Sumner. Executor; Loving wife Abigail, trusty friend David Darden, John Lee, and my son-in-laws Jethro Sumner and Henry Goodman 9 May 1794.*

*Wit: Wm. Goodman Jurat, James Gatling*

*Jesse Saunders*