

Bertie County North Carolina Will Epaphroditus MOORE d.1757

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WILL Epaphroditus MOORE d.1757

In the Name of God Amen. The 11th Day of June
in the year of our Lord Christ 1757. I Epaphroditus
Moore of bertie County in the Province of North
Carolina being of perfect mind and memory thanks
be given unto God Therefore Calling unto mind the mor-
tality of my Body and knowing that is appointed for
all men once to die do make & Ordain this my last
Will & Testament that is to Say principally & first
of all I give & recommend my Soul into the hands of
God that gave it, and for my body I Recommend it to the
Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner
at the discreation of my Executors nothing doubting
but at the generall Resurrection I Shall Receive the
Same again by the mighty power of God, and as touch-
ing Such Worldy Estates wherewith it hath pleased
God to bless me in this life, I give devise and dispose
of the Same in the following manner & forme
primis

I give to Elizabeth my dearly beloved Wife the free
use & liberty of all my Negroes Houses Land & Plantation
where on I now live during the time of her Naturall
life, or time of her Widowhood_____

Item

I likewise give to my Three daughters Mary, Ann
and Grace free liberty to stay on the Plantation
whereon I now live after my and my wifes decease and
to have the use of all my houses Platation & land
untill they marry or the Cause to leave it themselves
Excepting the use & benefit of my young Crabtree Orchard
and my Son John Moore's Orchard, the benefit of which
I give to my Said Son John More after my decease
but the use & benefit of the Old Orchard I give to my
Three Daughters before named with the liberties aforesaid

Item

I give unto my grandSon Elisha Wilson two hundred
Acres of Land, more or less, lying on the Southwest
Side of the Fort branch begining at Samuel Dun

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ings Corner tree Standing in the mouth of the Cow
branch, on the side of the Fort branch Runing thence
down the Fort branch to the mouth of a Small branch
that runs up by the Stony Woolf-Pit and from thence
a Strait Course to another Corner tree of Samuell
Dunings Standing in the Dogwood marsh, & from
thence to the first Station, and also one negroe girle
named Venus She & her Increase, and likewise four
Cows & Calves they & their Increase, also my own
feather bed & furniture, whereon I now lie, to him
& his heirs for Ever. But if the Said Elisha Wilson
Should die without heir, then his Said part to fall
to his mothers Children that She hath be her husband

John Hurst to be Equally divided among them_____

Item.

I give unto Thomas Moore Son of my daughters Ann More, Two hundred Acres of land more or less, lying on the afor, Fort branch Joining to the Said Elisha Wilsons, begining at the mouth of a Small branch Elisha Wilsons Corner on the Fort branch then Runing down the fort branch to the mouth of Graces branch, then up the Said branch to the fork, then up the Northwest Psong to the patent line then a long the Said line to a Corner tree and from thence to Samuell Dunings Corner tree Standing in the Dogwood marsh and from thence to the first Station and also one negro fellow named Peter, his mother Ann Moore having the use of him During his life and likewise one feather bed & furniture, also three Cows & Cavles they & their Increase and one young Horse, and also one of my hunting guns to him and his heirs for Ever_____

Item

I give unto my daughter Judath Hurst one Cow & Calf she & her Increase Item.
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Item.

I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Son John Moore the Plantation whereon I now live and all the Land belonging hereto, and also all my other lands, Except the Land given as before mentioned and also one negroe man named Jack, to him and his heirs for Ever_____

Item

I give to my Son inlaw James Howard one Shilling Sterling it being all that I intend to give him or that he Shall have out of my Estate_____

Item

I give unto my Daughters Rebekah Cain one Negro fellow named Mark to her & heirs_____

Item.

I give unto my Daughter Charity Walston one Negro girl named Dinah She & her Increase to her & her heirs for Ever_____

Item.

I give to my Granddaughter Rachell Walstone one negro girl named Pegg She & her Increse to her &her heirs for Ever_____

Item.

I give unto my daughter Mary Moore one negro boy named Pompey, one Horse bridle & Saddle, one feather bed & furniture, to her & her heirs

Item.

I give unto my daughter Ann Moore one Negro Boy named bob, one mare & Colt, one bridle & Saddle, one feather bed & furniture to her & her heirs_____

Item.

I give unto my daughter Rachell Standly one negro girl named wanno She & her Increase to her & her heirs for Ever_____

Item.

I give unto my daughter Grace Moore one negro Girl named little Rose She & her In crease also one feather bed & furniture and one young Horse, to her & her heirs for Ever

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Item.

I give unto my daughter Penelope Hare one negro wench Called old Rose, and one negro girl named Phillis, and one negro boy named yourk to her & her heirs lawfully begotten of her body
Item.

I give unto my GrandSon Elisha Wilson one gun & a young Horse to him & his heirs_____
Item.

I give all the rest of my Estate that is not given out in leagacies to my three daughters, Mary, Ann, and Grace, after my Wifes decease, to be Equally divided amongst them. I likewise Constitute make & Ordain my two daughters, Mary and Ann Sole Executixes of this my last will & testament, and I do hereby Utterly disallow, revoke & disanull all & Every other former Wills Testaments & legacies by me in any wise before made Ratifying & Confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testament In Witness there of I have hereunto Set my hand & Seall. the day & year before written Signed Sealled & declared by the Said Epaphroditus Moore as his last will & Testament in the Presents of us his Subscribers

Charles Horne
Demcy Holland
Lewis Perry
Moore(SEAL)

Epaphroditus

Bertie County of October Court 1757

The before Will was Exhibited into Court by Mary Moore and Ann Moore Executixes there of and Produced by the Oath of Charles Horne one of the Subscribing Witnesses Thereto and Whereas some disputes have arisen concerning the said Will It was ordered that Letters should not Issue on the same Untill after next Court. And also that all the Subscribing Witnesses thereto Should be Summoned to appear at the next Court to be Interrogated on & about Relating Here to.

Test:

Benj. Wynns

(This is as the Will was written and to the best of my ability to read all. Spelling was not altered and the use of the 18th century "s" was not written with the "f" style. Capital letters were written as seen.)

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