

Expanded Abstract:

Will of JOHN THOMAS JUN<sup>r</sup>

. . . the Twenty Seventh day of June in the year of our Lord Christ 1767.  
I John Thomas Jun<sup>r</sup> of Craven County . . . I give devise and dispose of  
the same in manner and form Following. . . I give and bequeath unto my  
Dear and well beloved wife Mary Thomas, One Negroe Man named George and  
the fourth part of my Horses, Cattle, Hogs and Sheep . . . I lend to my  
said wife my Plantation whereon I now live on during her Widowhood and  
after her marriage One Third during her Life of the said Place, and  
One Fourth of my Household Furniture, Item I give and bequeath to my  
well beloved Son John Thomas the Tract and plantation whereon I now  
live containing 200 acres and the tract and plantation adjoining to  
such tract and known to be the Tract bought of Mr John Taylor Sen<sup>r</sup>  
it containing 300 acres land 99 acres joining said tract, in all 599  
acres and one Negroe Boy named Peter and One young mare known by the  
name of Flagg.

Item . . . to my 2 well beloved daughters Mary Thomas and Sarah  
Thomas 2 tracts of land - one by the name of PencNushing 250 acres  
and and the other known as Reeses" old place that I bought of Mr John  
Hopkins equally divided when they come to age or marry.

Item - to my 3 well beloved children John, Mary, Sarah, all the  
rest of my Negroes (named: Robin, Abraham, Phillis, Tom, Affa, Kate,  
Tabba, Agga, Mogga, Grace, and Doll) with the rest of my personal  
estate . . . with the increase. . . to be equally divided by my executors  
as my children comes to age or marriage . . .

Wishes estate to be kept together while children come to age or  
marries - that it not be sold. . . as stock increases, sell and use the  
money to buy more Negroes for the children. If a child dies without  
heirs, that portion to be equally divided between survivors.

First money raised to go for 3 young Negroe boys and girls for  
wife, for her life. Them and their increase then to go to children.

Executors named: Mary Thomas, John Thomas Sen<sup>r</sup>, Thomas Taylor and  
John Hopkins.

Wit:  
John Elders  
John Taylor  
Matthew Anderson Thomas

Signed: John Thomas jun<sup>r</sup>

PROVED: 14th June 1768 and qualified

Mary Thomas  
Thomas Taylor and  
John Hopkins, executors