

**Will, NC, Johnston, James Thornton, 1763**

In the name of God Amen.

I **JAMES THORNTON** of the county of Cumberland [Filed in Johnston, NC] and province of North Carolina this 15th day of March in the year of Our Lord 1763 being weak and body but of sound memory, making & publish this my last will and testament in the manner following, that is to say:

FIRST I give unto my son **JAMES** the plantation on which I now live with the working horses and other tools to the said place belonging, also ye worst feather bed and furniture the same belong.

I give unto my daughter **BARBERY** one feather bed and furniture and one iron pot.

I give unto my daughter **SARAH** one feather bed and furniture and one iron pot.

I give to my daughter **CATHERINE** now living in Hunterdon County, late Apprentice to **LAWRENCE RULOFFSON** in New Jersey the sum of twenty pounds proclamation to be paid by my son **JAMES THORNTON** at her arrival here likewise,

I give and bequeath to my daughter **BARBERY** one hundred acres of land being the upper part of 280 acres of land lying between Dunken [**DUNCAN**] **BAKER** land and Dugle McFale [**DOUGAL MACPHAIL**].

I give and bequeath to my daughter **SARAH** my one hundred and eighty acres of land being the remainder of the said tract of land.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife my bay mare, called my wife's mare, also the best feather bed and furniture also all the remainder of my household furniture to be as my wife's discretion. Also I lend to my beloved wife all rents and benefits that may arise from the plantation on which I now live till such time my **JAMES** shall be 21 years of age for the use of maintaining the said children till that time. I also leave all my livestock to be sold at public venue and any outstanding debts to be collected in, and after all my just debts and funeral charges are paid the remainder of any money to be divided equally between my son **JAMES THORNTON** and my daughter **BARBERY THORNTON** and my daughter **SARAH THORNTON** and my beloved wife **CATHERINE THORNTON** and also

I give and bequeath to my loving Friend **THOMAS JONES** one hundred acres of land where **JOHN CROSBY** formerly lived, provided he shall pay on to my son **JAMES THORNTON** the sum of ten pounds proc money.

AND I make and ordain **WILLIAM ARMSTRONG** and her, my said wife, and **DUSHE SHAW** to be the executors of this my will and testament for the intents and purposes in this my will contained.

AND I make my loving friends **WILLIAM ARMSTRONG**, my wife **CATHERINE THORNTON** and **DUSHE SHAW** overseers of this my last will to take care and see the same performed according to my true intent and meaning.

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In Witness whereof I the **JAMES THORNTON** have to this my last will and testament sent my hand and seal the day and year above writ.

**JAMES THORNTON** {seal}

Signed sealed and delivered by the said **JAMES THORNTON** as and for this last will and testament in the presents of us who were present at the signing & sealing thereof.

**RICHARD BURKLOE**

**JOHN KNEE**

**FRANCIS JONES** {his |-| mark}

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North Carolina  
Cumberland County

May Court 1763

Then was the execution of this will in open court in due form of law proved by the oath of **FRANCIS JONES** and of the subscribing evidences and admitted to record.

**RICHARD GROVE**, Clerk of Court

Recorded in the minutes of said Court

**RICHARD GROVE**, Clerk of Court

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