

MOORE, Thomas

1810



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In the Name of God the Father. I Thomas Moore of Rutherford County
June in the Year of our Date 1809. I Thomas Moore of Rutherford County
and State of North Carolina, being in a lowly state of health but of perfect
mind & memory, do make & ordain this instrument (Signed with my own
hand) to be my last Will & Testament. — *In primis*, I recommend my Soul
to Heaven & my Body to the Earth to be interred in humane burial, & the
expences therefrom arising together with other just Debts (if any there be)
first to be paid. — As a considerable part of my Estate depends on
the issue of Suits in Courts of Law & Equity in South Carolina some of
which are not yet decided & of course the sums coming to me cannot be
ascertained; I am therefore obliged first to devise my Negroes, settling
a price upon each. — I will then make out a list of Obligations in my
hands for money; and lastly I will state as near as I can, what will
be the amount of the undecided Claims, the amount of which Obli-
gations & Claims when collected are to be disposed of in the manner
herein after mentioned. —

To my Brother Michael Moore of Fairfield District & State
of South Carolina I give & bequeath the following Negroes.

Stephen a black man	\$ 500
Lewis a young man	500
Tom a old black man	300
Silvia & child	<u>450</u>
	\$ 1750

To my Brother John Moore of Rutherford County North
Carolina I give & bequeath the following Negroes. —

Charles an Elderly Negro man	375
Leah a black Woman	500
Frank a Negro Boy	375
Mary a Small Girl	300
Betty a dark mulatto	375
F also a Poniol Horse	100
Hay d: (both in his possession)	<u>100</u>
	\$ 2025

To the Children of William Moore Esq. of Rutherford
County North Carolina I jointly give the following Negroes.

Milley a breeding Woman	400
Pam a little Boy	270
Perry & Esther the last at the breast	300
Daniel of 450 Nancy 375 Bill 200	<u>1025</u>
	\$ 1995
	Amt. 5770

(2) Am't Brought forward. \$ 5770 (2)

The amount of Obligations for Money due to me are as follows.

Malachi Flower a judgment in Richlands	\$ 250
In John Hookers hands by N. Carter about	95
Notes in R. Millagins hands for collection about	120
Doctor Sam. Green on a Note of hand	115
Robert Campbell N. Carolina Lincoln	290
John Brown Fairfield about	240
Rowland Williams Fairfield	75
Williams Miles D ^o -	20
Elisha Hagewood D ^o -	150
D ^o also on a Note	340
John & Elisha Hagewood	270
Michael Moore Cash lent	100
Sam. & Thomas Nelson D ^o -	78
Henry Ruff, Newbury a note for	300
Phillip Sleigh. D ^o -	302

The Suit depending in Equity tiled Allen McGarla
v others against Robert Rabb & others will probably Am't to \$ 3400
a Tract of Land on Little River. 450
3 Negroes on Little River Silvia & 2 in the hands
of James Davis & a little Negro in the hands of Ab
Smith, the three worth about. 800
a Tract of Land on Cannons Creek depending in Law.
a Note on Monrow for a Waggon 130. \$ 7525
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The Land & the three last mentioned Negroes I allow my Exec^r
to sell at private sale as I have promised the refusal of the Land
and wish to keep my word. — The Money arising from the
Obligations & Claims above mentioned, also from the Land and
the three last mentioned Negroes, I shall dispose of as follows —

To my Executor I give & bequeath Four hundred Dollars as a
compensation for transacting the business, which I expect will be
attended with difficulties, the remainder I wish to be divided between
Michael Moore Sen^r John Moore & the Children of William Moore
jointly, in such proportion as when including the amount they
have received in Negroes will make the share of each equal.
As I wish to leave no room for misunderstanding, my meaning is,
that my Brother Michael Moore, John Moore & the Children of Will.
Moore Dec^r (these last jointly) should each have a third part of my
Estate, except the allowance made to my Executor & some other
things hereafter mentioned. As to the one third part which is
coming to the Children of William Moore Dec^r as I cannot tell

(3) the amount, I cannot proportion it out amongst them, they ~~will~~
either Divide it themselves or leave the Division to men. —

To my Nephew Michael Moore I give & bequeath my Holsters
& Pistols, also a claim of Debt against Thomas Davis of Russell
County the amount of which including a Note of hand which
gave him to collect on a certain Edward Cornwell is \$ 350.
if he accounts for, or returns said Note it will then be two
Hundred & fifty Dollars, which sum is secured by a Mortgage
on the Land whereon the said Davis now lives. —

To my Brother John Moore I leave my Watch also a Mahog-
gany Sidebord that stands in a House of Michael Moores in
Columbia: also anything else of mine that may be found on his
Plantation or in his Possession as I recollect nothing worth mention.

I do hereby nominate & appoint my Brother John Moore Sole
Executor of this my last Will & Testament. In testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal the Day & Date above
written. —

O. H. Moore 

Signed & Sealed in presence of

David Byers (seal),
Lac. Wadd (seal)

the right result however, has to be obtained, which is to have
one of neither all men, or women, to whom all the rights
will be denied, and none, and this would be the
case in such a society, where there is no other right.
Indeed, such a state, or government, would be despotic, and should
not be allowed, because it would give a right to the master to do what he
wishes, and to the slave to do nothing, and the master would
have more than twice all the power which he has
now, and when you think over it, and consider it, you will
see that it is your fault which gives such power to the master, and makes
one class of people become so despotic, and it is a very
bad state, which makes you think of such a state, which can be
permitted, and I hope that every man who reads this will be
very angry at me, and say, you foolish & mad, you have done well to

P.S.

John H. C. Chase

Last Will & Testament
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by J. M. G.

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