

In the Name of God Amen

I James Exum of Northampton County & Province of North-Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind & memory do make my last will & Testament as follows.

Imprimis. I lend to my loving Wife during her Natural Life, & no longer, the Land & plantation whereon I live (she committing no Waste) and at her Decease I Give the said Land & plantation to my son James Exum, his Heirs & assigns forever, But in case my son James Exum should die before he comes to the age of Twenty One years my Will & Desire is that the said Land & plantation go to my son William Exum his Heirs & assigns forever, upon my son William Exum paying to my son Joseph Exum the sum of Three hundred pounds proclamation Money.

Item I lend to loving Wife during her natural life three Negroes, Viz London Judah & Lucy & at her death my Will & desire is that the said three Negroes & their Increase be equally divided among all my Children, the Survivor & Survivors of them share & share alike

Item I Give and bequeath to my son William Exum all the Ready Money I die possesst of after the payment of the Legacies hereinafter bequeathed, also all Debts due to me by Bonds Notes Accounts or other Writs, also the legacy accruing to me by the Death of my Father in Law Henry Thomas, to my said son William Exum his Heirs and assigns forever

Item My Will & Desire is that my Executors hereafter named do, ~~and shall~~ as soon as convenient after my Death sell the following articles Viz Seven Leather Chairs, One Desk, One Large Looking Glass, three of the best Leather Beds, three best Walnut Tables, four Large pewter dishes, all my Working tools, One hagskin Saddle, & all my stock of Cattle, Horses, Sheep &

Hogs, excepting ten head of Cattle, my Saddle Horse, & Provision for my Wife & Family for the year ensuing after my Death and the Money arising from the Sale of the above articles to go towards the payments of the legacies herein devised. —

Item I give and Bequeath to each of my Daughters Charlotte & Nancy One Hundred pounds Proclamation Money when they come to the age of Twenty One years or Marry, & in Case either of my Daughters die before they come to the age of Twenty One years Or Marry, then I give the S^d Childs part of Money to the survivors: —

Item It is my Will & desire that my executors hire out all the Negroes I die possess of & have not Will^d away, & the arising from the hire to be Applied to the educating & supporting my Children till my eldest Son comes to the age of Twenty One years Or Marries, & then my Will & desire is that all my Negroes & their Increase be divided among all my Children, the survivor & survivors of them, Share & Share alike.

Item I ~~Constitute & appoint my Brother~~ Give to my Wife the Best of my personable Estate —

Item I Constitute & appoint my Brother Matthew Exum and my Brother in law William Thomas Ex^{ors} of this my Last will & testament, hereby revoking all others as Witnesses my hand and Seal this 20th day of June 1742

Item I Give to my son Joseph Exum the land and plantation I had in Barb^{ts} & One Hundred pounds Proclamation Money, to him & his heirs & assigns forever

Signed Sealed Published &
~~Subscribed~~ Declared the last
Will In presence of us
Charles Taylor Humphrey Morgan
& Mary Exum

James Exum Seal