

In the name of God Amen

I Mary Morrison of the County of Bedford in
The State of Tennessee, late of the County of Burke
in the State of North Carolina, being sick & weak
in body but of sound & disposing mind & memory
(Thanks be given unto God) — knowing that it
is appointed for all once to die, do make & ordain
this my last will & Testament, in manner and
form following, to wit, first I recommend my
soul to God who gave it, and my body to be
buried in decent Christian Burial at the
discretion of my Executor to be hereafter named
And as touching such worldly goods as it hath
pleased God to bless me with I dispose of in the
following manner. —

Firstly I give and bequeath to my beloved Son
Thomas Morrison, A Negro boy between four
and five years old named Lewis to him & his heirs
for ever — be praying to my Executor to be distributed
among the other legatees the sum of fortyfive
Dollars —

Secondly, I give & bequeath to my Beloved Son
William Morrison My feather Bed together with
all the furniture therewith belonging

Thirdly I give & bequeath to my Beloved Daughter
Elizabeth Morrison, my Negro Woman Esther
and such issue as the said Negro woman may
hereafter have (if any) the issue, or child or children
which may hereafter be born of the said Negro woman

To be vested solely and entire ~~the~~ in, and the Property
of my said Daughter Elizabeth, and respecting the said
Negro Woman Esther; if She Shall Survive my said
Daughter Elizabeth, then and in that case the said Negro
woman, I will & direct, that She Shall be at liberty to
choose with whom She Shall live & serve the remainder
of her life, provided that such choice be as one of
my children & legatees, and that whomever of my legatees
the said Negro may in such case choose to live with, it
is my will that he or she (as the case may be) Shall pay
the value of said woman in distributive Shares to the
other legatees deducting a proportionate Share in favour
of the holder in Possession of said Negro

Fourthly, I give & Bequeath to my Grandson Joseph
Wilson two Negro Male Children, now upwards
of fourteen months old, the one named George, and
the other Reuben, to him & his heirs for ever,
he my said Grandson Joseph Wilson Paying to my
other heirs & legatees the sum of one hundred dollars
Lastly I will & direct that all my Personal
Property be sold, and the proceeds of such sale
together with all debts due to me by notes, bonds
or otherwise when collected, and also what Money
I have in possession, including the sums herein
before mentioned to be paid by my son Thomas
Morrison, and my Grandson Joseph Wilson, to be
equally distributed among my children includ-
ing my Grand Children, the children of my son
Andrew Morrison, ^{dues} who among them are to receive
one Share, except my son Thomas Morrison, my

Daughter Elizabeth Morrison & My Grandson Joseph
Wilson, who are not to receive any Share of the Pro-
ceeds of Sales debts due or money on hand included in
the last Items herein - Also my Kitchen furniture is
not intended to be included in the articles directed to be
sold but the same I will & bequeath to my Daughter
Elizabeth Morrison;

And further I do hereby nominate, constitute and
appoint My soninlaw John Templeton, the sole executor
of this my last Will & Testament, thereby disannul-
ing, revoking & making void any other will by me hereto
fore ~~by me~~ executed or made; Publishing pronouncing
and Declaring this and no other to be my last Will
and Testament.

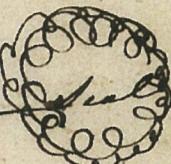
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & Seal this twenty sixth day of June in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
thirteen, In presence of
the Subscribing Witnesses

Wm Sumner

Je Se hill

Dan'l Whipple Seal

Mary her mark



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