

**Will of James Morrison of Burke County, North Carolina  
1790**

North Carolina            In the name of God, Amen. I James Morrison of the county  
Burke County            aforesaid Taylor being Very Sick and weak in body but of perfect  
                                 mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling into mind the  
mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to Die, I make and  
ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all I give and  
recommend my Soul into the hand of almighty God that gave it and my body I  
Recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my  
Executors herein after named and nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I  
shall receive the Soul again by the almighty power of God. And as touching such  
worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise  
and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.  
First I will that all my just debts be paid together with all my funeral charges. Item. I  
give and bequeath unto my loving wife Elisabeth Morrison all the bedding dresses and  
household furniture at her discretion amongst her daughters. Item. I give and bequeath  
unto my son Thomas Morrison fifty two pounds by bond Pennsylvania money coming  
from Patrick Campbell of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania and also my plantation on  
which I now live when he arrives to twenty one years of age first laying off two hundred  
acres at the upper end of the said Survey to Archibald Brady of Iredell County of the  
State aforesaid and a deed of Conveyance to be made for the said land to the said  
Archibald Brady by my Executors John McDowell William Morrison Sen and my wife  
Elisabeth Morrison whom I constitute as my Executors of this my last will and testament.  
I also will that my wife shall have the privilege of living on the land with the children and  
enjoying the advantages accruing (?) therefrom for the support of the family and I also  
will that my land lying between me and William Morrison Jun. be Sold and the money  
arising be converted to the schooling of the children. I also will that all my horse  
creatures be sold Save my black horse and black mare and all my cattle Save four cows  
and one Steer and part of my hogs and the money arising to be equally divided between  
my wife and daughters. I do hereby disallow revoke and annul all and every other form  
and Testament wills, bequeaths legacies and Executors by me in any ways named  
will(ed?) and bequeathed, Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will  
and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth  
day of April AD 1790. Signed Sealed Published pronounced and declared as my last  
will and testament.

-S- James Morrison (Seal)

In presents of  
James Hemphill  
William Patton

Turn over to Supplement to this will

Further I desire that the money coming from the bond willed to my son Thomas may be  
put out on interest and the interest to be lifted yearly. And my wife and children to enjoy  
it for their Support until my Son Thomas does come to the age of twenty one years.  
And I also will that my wife Elisabeth have liberty to live on the plantation I now live on

while she remains unmarried. The principal of the bond to be paid to Thomas when he comes to the age of twenty one years.

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Attest

Signature (can't read)