

WILL OF THOMAS MORGAN
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Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory, Blessed by Almighty God for the same, I do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say:

- I give and bequeath to my **daughter Elizabeth Morgan** two Negroe girls named Sally and Lisa, one yoke of steers and cart, also my hogs (if she chooses them), and I give her choice of two of my horses except the grey mare. I give to her all my household and kitchen furniture except what I shall hereafter name. I give to my daughter Elizabeth all the crop of corn and fodder on the Plantation, also five head of sheep, four cows and calves, and wheat. Also my still, but the still only subject to the use of my **son James Morgan** jointly with herself. I lend to her the tract of land whereon I now live during her natural and single life. But, if my daughter Elizabeth should leave the plantation, marry, or die, then my will is that my still should go to **Thomas T. Morgan, my grandson, and James Morgan, my son,** jointly.
- I give to **son William Morgan** one negroe man named Dick, but William Morgan is to pay **Robert Morgan** five pounds per annum for three years beginning the first day of June after my decease, to him and his heirs forever.
- I give to my **son Joseph H. Morgan** one negroe man named Jacob, but the said Joseph H. Morgan is to pay my **son Robert Morgan** five pounds per annum for three years beginning the first day of June after my decease, to him and his heirs forever.
- I give to my **son James Morgan** one tract of land whereon he now lives, and one half of my still, to him and his heirs forever.
- I give to my **son Terrel Morgan** one negroe man named Ned, but the said Terrel Morgan is to pay my **son Robert Morgan** five pounds per annum for three years beginning the first day of June after my decease, to him and his heirs forever.
- The negroe woman Elsa in possession of **Benjamin Faris** I lend her and her increase to Benjamin Faris untill **George B. Faris** arrives to age, or marries, and then my will is that Elsa and all here increase be Equally divided between **George B. Faris and Joseph H. Faris, my grandsons,** to them and their heirs forever.

- I give to **Nathaniel Shepperson** that married my daughter **Nancy** one silver dollar, to him and his heirs forever.
- I give to **Rebecca Ewing** one negroe woman named Jane, and one girl named Rose, to her and her heirs forever.
- I give to **my grandson Thomas T. Morgan** one negroe girl named Tellah, one grey mare, one cow and calf, one bed and furniture, but upon receipt of the same he, Thomas T. Morgan, is to pay to his father twenty dollars. And, after the death or marriage of **my daughter Elizabeth Morgan**, then and in that case, I give to Thomas T. Morgan, my grandson, with what I have already given him, the tract of land whereon I now live, and one half of my still jointly with **my son James Morgan**, to him and his heirs forever.
- I give to **my grandson George B. Ewing** one negroe girl named Mariah, to him and his heirs forever.
- My will and desire is that, after all my just debt is paid, all that part of my Estate that is not expressly divided (except the money that may be left in my house) should be divided equally among all **my surviving children (as following): William Morgan, John Morgan, Robert Morgan, Terrel Morgan, James Morgan, Joseph Morgan, Elizabeth Morgan, and Rebecca Ewing.** The money, if there should be any left in my house, my will is that it should be divided so as my daughter Elizabeth Morgan should receive two dollars and the rest of my children one dollar, and so on untill the whole of the money is divided.
- My will is that, after I have made preparation for another crop, that my negroes and stock should be kept together for that purpose, except the negroe man that I have given to **my son Joseph.** My will is that my son Joseph should take the negroe man Jacob at my decease, as it respects the negroes given to **my daughter Rebecca Ewing.** My meaning and intention is that my daughter Rebecca Ewing shall have the use of the negroes willed to her during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided between all her children.
- The negroe man Dick that I have given to **my son William Morgan** my will and intention is that, in all probability, my son William Morgan will never marry and, in that case, after his death, then the negroe man Dick to go to **Benjamin Faris' two children,** heretofore mentioned in my will.
- I give to **John Morgan** the twenty dollars heretofore mentioned to be paid to him by **my grandson Thomas T. Morgan** when he arrives to age or marries, at which time he, Thomas T. Morgan, will receive his portion of my

Estate except the land and still heretofore given to him and his heirs forever.

- And, lastly, I do hereby appoint **James Morgan** and **James Ewing** my Executors. My will is that my Executors shall not be bound to give security to this my last will and testament, revoking all others heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 5th day of December one thousand Eight hundred and fourteen.

Thomas Morgan (his mark)

In the presence of : Archer Womack, Povall Carter, John M. Cunningham & James Hix.

At a court held for Prince Edward County December 19th 1814, this last will and testament of Thomas Morgan, deceased, was presented in court and proved by the oaths of Archer Womack, Purvall Carter, John M. Cunningham, and James Hix, four Witnesses thereto. Ordered that the same be recorded. On the motion of James Ewing and James Morgan, Executors therein named, they entered into and acknowledged their bond for that purpose in the penalty of seven thousand dollars conditioned according to Law and took the oath required by Law, certificate for obtaining a probate thereof in due form is granted them.

Teste B.J. Worsham, Deputy Clerk.