

## Will of James Exum - 1772

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 Ulasl.) 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's 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, vizt London, Judah, & Lucy & at her death my will & desire is the sd 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 possessed of after the payment of the legases (legacies) herein bequeathed, also all debts due to me by bonds, notes, accounts, or other Ulide (?), also the legacy accruing to me by the death of my father in aw Henry Thomas, to my said son William Exum his heirs and assigns forever.

Item, my will & desire is that my executors hereafter named do, as soon as convenient after my death, sell the following articles: Vizt seven leather chairs, one desk, one large looking glass, three of the best feather beds, three best walnut tables, four large pewter dishes, all my working tools, one hogskin, saddle, & all my stock of cattle, horses sheep & hogs, excepting ten head of cattle, my sorrele 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 legases here 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 said child's part of money to the survivors.

Item, it is my will & desire that my executors hiw (hew) out all the Negroes I die possessed of & have not willed away & the arising from the hew to be appied 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 and their

**increase be divided among all my children, the survivor & survivors of them, share and share alike.**

**Item, I give to my wife the rest of my personable estate.**

**Item, I constitute & appoint my brother Matthew Exum and my brother in law William Thomas executors of this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all others as witness my hand and seat this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1772.**

**Item, I give to my son Joseph Exum the land and plantation I have in Bute (County) & one hundred pounds proclamation money to him & his heirs & assigns forever.**

**Signed sealed published &  
Declared the last will in presence  
Of us Charles Taylor, Humphrey Morgan  
& Mary Exum**

**James Exum (seal)**