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Osborne
John
Will

In the name of God Amen I John Osborne of said Parish
in the County of Chesterfield being sick aged weak but of
sound and disposing mind and Memory do make and ordain
this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following
First I give unto my loving wife Ann the use of that part of
my Plantations whereon we now live during her Widowhood
to be divided from that other part of my Lands whereon the
said Houses and other Tenements now stands by a line
to be run from the River bank beginning at the Mark and
thence continuing up the Bottom to the head from thence a
South course to the Great Land I also give unto my
loving Wife Ann and her Heirs forever four Slaves to wit
Frank, Jacob, Lillis and Sarah with the Bed we usually lie
on and Furniture during her Widowhood.

Secondly I give to my son John one boy called Will to him
and his Heirs forever.

Thirdly I give to my Son Thomas one Negro boy called Jack
to him and his Heirs forever.

Fourthly I give unto my Daughters, Frances Martha and
Ann all the Debt of my Negroes which I have not already
given away to be equally divided amongst them when one
of them shall die or comes of Age to them and their Heirs forever
I likewise give to each of them one feather Bed and
furniture and whereas I have been at a great expence in
Building on the Lands adjoining to the said Houses and have
not yet discharged the debts by that means necessarily
contracted and not knowing wheather my Creditors will
stay for their Money till the rents of my Houses will discharge
the same I do hereby fully and absolutely Impower in the same
manner as I my self could do it my Friends Thomas Friend junr
and my Brother Francis Osborne or the Survivor of them to
make sale of the residue of my Lands within the line afore
mentioned the River and the Great Land with the Houses
upon or any part or Parcel of the same and to make a good
and sufficient Deeds or Deeds for the same to the Creditors
or Purchasers and to apply the Money arising from the
said Sale to the payment of my Debts and if my said

Thomas Thomas Friend and Francis Whorne in whose care and
 Friendship to my Sons John and Thomas I fully believe if they
 shall think it for the benefit of my Sons to sell the whole of my Lands
 which I now live when the Estate which I have given my wife shall
 lease and become void or sooner if with her consent. Then I do fully
 and absolutely empower them or the Survivor of them to make sale
 of that same and to convey the same to the Purchaser or Purchasers
 in as full a manner as I myself could do and to divide the Money
 arising from such Sale equally between my Sons John and Thomas
 also the Money which shall arise from the Sale of the Lands and
 Houses which they were in a former lease of this my last Will
 empowered to sell after my Debts are paid which division shall be
 made when my Son John shall arrive to the age of Twenty one
 years But if my Creditors should be willing to stay for the Money
 owing to them by me and my friends and Trustees herebefore
 mentioned should not think it necessary or for the good of my Sons
 John and Thomas to make sale of the whole of my Lands or any
 part of them which they or the Survivor of them have before been
 fully empowered to do Then I direct that the Rents of my Publick
 Warehouse and other Houses now rented out shall be employed
 to the payment of my Debts and expences in maintaining my
 Children and if any more Money shall be raised from the said
 Rents than will be sufficient for those purposes that sum I also
 direct to be equally divided between my Sons John and Thomas
 when my Son John shall come to the age of Twenty one year
 at which time I direct that a Division of all Lands by my said
 Trustees or the Survivor of them of the Estate by me heretofore
 given to my Wife shall be determined between my Sons John
 and Thomas in as equal a manner as can be.

My son John having his choice of the part he will take But if
 my wifes Estate in my Land should not be Determined then
 the Division to me made only of that part of my Land whereon the
 Warehouses and other tenements stand and the other part of my
 Land the use of which is given to my Wife I direct to be divided in
 the same manner between my said Sons John and Thomas when
 her Estate in the said Land shall be determined) and such Land
 as shall fall to my son Johns share I do hereby give him

my said son John and his heirs forever
 And that other Part of my Land which shall be allotted to my son
 Thomas I give to him my said son Thomas and his heirs forever
 All the rest of my Estate which I have not already given away
 I give to my sons John & Thomas to be equally divided between
 them by my Executors hereafter mentioned.

My desire is that my Estate may not be appraised I do hereby
 constitute and appoint My friends Tho^s Friend & Francis
 Osborne whole Executors to this my Last Will hereby Breaching
 all other Wills by me heretofore made and do publish this my
 Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and seal this 27th Day of March one thousand
 seven hundred & sixty.

Signa Seal and Published }
 in Presence of

Jn^o Osborne.

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George Gray

Charles Duncan

James Huckle

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Friend }
 Thomas }
 Will } In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Friend of
 Dale Parish in the County of Chesterfield being of Perfect
 mind and Memory blessed be to god for it do order and
 make this my last Will and Testament in manner and
 form following first I commit my soul into the Hands
 of Almighty god hoping through the Meritorious Death
 and Passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to receive
 free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and my Body
 I commit to the Earth to be decently Buried at the
 Direction of my Executors hereafter mentioned.
 I do give devise and bequeath to my son Carraro
 Friend a certain Tract of Land lying in the great