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I Osborne of the County of Chesterfield make this my last Will  
 Will Testament

I give to my Wife Francis Osborne during her Life all the Land & Plantations whereon I live and at her Death I give all the said Land & Plantations to my Son Francis

I give to my Son Thomas my Plantations & all my Lands at Shingwatee in case of the death of either of <sup>my</sup> two Sons I give to the Survivor all & the whole of my Lands & should both of my Sons die before they are of Age in that case I leave my two tracts of Land to my two Daughters the eldest to have her choice either of that near Osbornes Washhouses or that upon Shingwatee But should either of my two Daughters die before they are of age or unmarried as well as my two Sons in that case I leave to my only surviving Child &

Daughter after her Mothers Death the whole of my Estate both real & personal

I desire that all my Estate may be kept together till my Children are educated & all my Debts paid or provision made for the payment of them

Then all my Negroes & all my other personal Estate is to be divided by my Executors amongst my Wife & Children each to have an equal Share at my

Wifes Death her part is then also to be equally divided by my Executors amongst my Children

Should all my Sons die before they are of Age & my Daughters also before they are of Age or married my Executors are in that case at my Wifes Death to divide my Estate as nearly as they can without a Sale amongst the Children of my brother in Law Col. Edward Friend & the Children of my brother Francis Osborne in the manner following

two thirds of the whole amongst all the Children of Edward Friend & one third of the whole  
amongst all the Children of Francis Osborne

Before the division of my Negroes or other personal Estate my Executors are to allow  
my son Thomas a sufficiency to build him a moderate set of Houses upon the Lands of a  
Shingaton that I have given him & when they have ascertained the number of Negroes  
that will fall to my Wife I have they are to allow her to choose out of the whole such as  
she likes to the amount of her said part

I desire that my Estate may not be appraised & sold

And I appoint to Mr Edward Friend Mr J<sup>r</sup> Francis Gooden & Robert  
Donald my Executors

Given under my hand & seal this thirteenth Novem<sup>r</sup> 1781

Witness

Elizabeth Brown

Robert Donald

Thos Aug<sup>r</sup> Taylor

Exam<sup>d</sup>

Thomas Osborne



In the name of God amen I Samuel Nevins of Chesterfield County Virginia do make  
Will } This my last Will & Testament I resign my soul to its Creator in humble hope of its  
future happiness through Jesus Christ & my Body to the Earth After payment of all  
my Just Debts I give & bequeath to my beloved Wife Susanna the use of all my Estate  
both real & personal during the minority of my son Samuel & when he becomes twenty  
one years of Age I give her for her Life one half of my Negroes & the other personal  
Estate & that part of my Land which lieth above the cartway used from my landing  
to my yard above the lower Fences of my yard Orchard Garden Lane & continuation