

Rowan North Carolina, Will Book A pages 189 and 190 of the May Court 1775
Also Will Packet Copy dated 1772 of Book A Page 189

In the name of God Amen. This first Day of January in the year of our Lord 1772th, I John Holmes Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say primarily and first of all I recommend my Soul into the of God that giveth and for my body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried as in a Christian Like and decent manner at the discretion of my executer. Nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God and as touching my worldly estate of it had pleased God, so blessed me in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same in way and manner following Vis----

Imprimis: It is my will and desire that in the first place that all my debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied and I allow twenty pound to be paid to Logan and Shepy in Philadelphia and thirty shilling to widow Boyd and or near Mrs Deetey Boyds in "???" and I allow my wife to discharge her duty to her daughter Elizabeth in giving her part as well as any of the girls.

I allow the place? to my wife and the two boys William and Richard during her life and at her death to be equally divided according to quantitate? and at her death I allow her part to be equally divided between the girls.

I allow my wife Jennet and Richard and William be my executer and allow my other debts is paid twenty shilling to each, that is to say Robert, Marg, Mary, Jean, Katrain?, James.

I utterly disallow all former testaments and wills made by me ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and testament. in witness where such I have set my hand and seal the day and year mentioned. Signed, Sealed, and pronounced and published and Declared in the presence of the subscribers.

Joseph Knox
Maddlen? Knox

John Holmes seal

Transcribed April 2018 by Arthur F Bowie, spacing and punctuation added for quicker and easier read. This is as good as I could do, but probably has errors. Please refer to images of Rowan Will Book and the separate record of same filed as Will Packet Copy 1772 which is much harder for me to read but still helpful.

In last paragraph, page 190 of Will Book does not include the name Robert as does the Will Packet Copy 1772.

*Note to self: otherwise known children are Robert, Richard, Margaret, and James.
this adds William, Mary, Jean, Katherine*

*next also page 190, May Court, is will of Matthew Woods Rowan NC twenth day October 1774
names sons Robert, David, Matthew daughters ??? McCulloch, Elizabeth*

I have sold coming of my Grey mare & unto my grandson William Howard beneath one spin 1882
 I sold having a white mare and Tail unto my Grand daughter Mary Howard I have one two year old
 Heifer consigned and at this lastly I have & beneath to my beloved wife Mary all the money now due
 to my estate after all my Law full debts is paid & And last of all I constitute & appoint my wife
 Mary son Solomon to be the Executors of this my last will and Testament & hereby disannulling and
 making void all former wills and Testaments, as witness my hand and seal this first day
 of September 1773.

William Young
John Bennett

John Oliphant
James Kerr

William^{his} Douglass
Mark

May Court } In the Name of God Amen this first Day of
1775 } January in the year of our Lord 1772 &c. I John Holmes
Do make and ordain this My last Will and Testament that is to
say firstly and first of all I commend my Soul into the
of God that giveth it and for My body I commend it to the Earth
to be Buried in in a Christian like and Decent Manner at the
Discretion of My Executors Nothing Doubting but at the Generall
resurrection I shall receive the same by the Mighty power of God
and as touching my worldly Estate if it hath pleased God
to bless me ~~with~~ in this life I give Devise and dispose of the
same in way and Manner following Viz. —

Impres. it is my will and Desire that in the first place that
all my Debts and funeral Charges be paid and satisfied and I
allow twenty pounds to be sent to Logan and Thepin, Phila
De Lphia and thirty Shillings to Widow Boyds in or near Mrs
Dutey Boyds in or near and I allow my wife ~~and the two~~
to discharge her Duty to her daughter Elizabeth in giving her
part as well as any of the Girls & I allow the same to my
Wife and the two Boys William and Richard During her life
& at her Death to be equally Divided according to quantity & value
and at her Death I allow her part to be equally Divided between
the ~~two~~ ^{sons} & I allow my Wife Hannah and Richard &
Me ^{my wife} to be my Executors & I allow my Debts to be paid

Lord 5773
Seventeenth lines



al in Deutsch

Amen.

van County in
but thanks be

and ordain this

But to God who

to be hurried

but at the last

my worldly

Beloved Wife

The House I now

able estate

L. Ann. Have

Al. N. Robertson

venient to the

And for the

as they know

1772

HOLMES, John

*Will Pocket Copy-Holmes, John
see pages 189-190 Book A*



SHAW-WALKER

Third Cut # 9203R

Passport Holmes, Will
1872

Agreed

Book A page 189.

1772

In the Name of God Amen this first day of January in the
 year of our Lord 1717 & 17 - I John Holmes Do Make and Give
 this my last will & testament that is to say principally and first of
 all I recommend my soul in to the hands of God that give it in for
 mercy I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like
 and Decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executors Nothing
 doubting but at the Honors & Recreation I shall receive the same
 by the Mercy of God And as touching my worldly Estate
 if it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give & bequeath
 the parts of the same in way and manner following VIZ
 I give it in my will and Desire that in the best place that is
 my Debt and funeral Charges be paid and satisfied and
 also twenty pounds to be lent to Logan and the piper in
 Delphia and the boy Shilling to be lent to Boyden or Mary
 Boyden in debt and I allow my wife to be charged for
 10 more shillings I give both in giving her part as well as any
 of the girls & I allow the plate to my wife and the two boys
 viz Richard & Daringher life & at her death to be equally divided
 according to quantity & quality and at her death I allow her part to
 be equally divided between the girls & I allow my wife to have
 and Richard & William to be my heirs & I allow after my death
 paid twenty shillings to each the boy to be Robert Mary Mary
 Joan & John & I allow to be paid to the boy Robert Mary Mary
 and William to be paid to the boy Robert Mary Mary
 my last will and testament in witness whereunto I
 have set my hand and seal the day and year aforesaid
 signed sealed and pronounced & published & Declared in
 the presence of the subscribers

John Holmes

John Holmes
 made & given

Will Packet Copy-Holmes, John
 see pages 189 -190 Book A

1481

HOLMES, John
 1772