

In the name of god amen! I James Cardwell of the county
of Essex baron and state of Kent by calling to mind the
Mortality of all living and living work in body but of perished
mind and memory do ordain these presents to be my last will
and testament. 1st I com me to my soul into thy hands
mighty god who gave it and my body to be decently buried by my
executors to be herein after named, as they may deem proper.

2nd It is my will and desire that all my just debts before paid
out of my personal property and such money as is present and
due 3rd It is my desire that all my personal estate (except such
as shall hereafter direct to a different use) be vested in my
executors in trust for the following purposes viz the bond debts
are now due me for property both at Randol together with
much more of my personal estate (which my executors are hereby
authorized) as they may think proper shall be when collected be
applied to the purchase of a tract of land at any place to
majority of my executors may think most conducive to the
support of my family after my debts are paid which shall be for
support and my wife shall have the privilege of living and
raise my children during her life and may use what money
she may think proper to have the same cultivated and my
children shall have the right of living on the same when
they married or otherwise settled and at the death of my
wife it is my desire that the said tract of land be
and the money equally divided between her heirs then
as and then living but in case a tract of land cannot
be purchased it is my will that the money arising from the
sale of my property be put to interest and each one of my children

its equal part at their ages of twenty one or marriage
which ever happens first to it is my will that my wife shall
have me live she may and the young cell of me she may
and as much of me house hold goods as she may think
proper for the use of the family and divide it amongst
my daughter or other of them whom and in such portions
she thinks best and in case my wife or my daughter or
the cells shall be my daughter's share the other my daughter
Pigs or at the death of the first cell the two sons have
the present youngest of my old maid shall be my son
being I will my negro woman to my wife during her life
and in case she marries again my negro woman shall be
sold out or otherwise disposed in such manner as my
the said wife or husband but in case my wife shall desire
my wife may direct free from my executors to sell my negro woman
and her shall in their discretion sell or hire her for the
use of my family the increase of the said woman shall
be liable to the above conditions and at the death of my
wife or my negro woman and her children if any shall be
sold and the money paid to such of my children as are then
living in equal portions 7th My executors may receive
much of my property as they may think proper for sale
and my wife may dispose of it as she pleases and my present
crops and farming utensils shall be for the use of my family
8th It is my will and desire as that an exception of some money
or property from my father's estate in Virginia that he came
it got the few land in no hit to apply to towards the purchase of
land but if not then it shall be equally divided between my
wife and children at the time and ages before named 9th It is my
will and I hereby nominate I appoint my loving wife and

Samuel M'Ghee son John Cardwell son and Robert B. M'Ghee
my Executors of this my last will and Testament In writing
whereof have severally set my hand and seal this 15th day
of October 1806

Recorded
L.D.
Esc.

Robert B. M'Ghee

James Woods

Samuel M'Ghee

Merced County Set of the County Court 1807

The foregoing Instrument of writing was
brought into court and sworn to by Robert B. M'Ghee &
James Woods two subscribing witnesses thereof to
the last will and Testament of James Cardwell and
ordered to be recorded

Appr.
Estate

Alexander
Buchanan
Decd.

An additional Inventory and appraisement of the
Estate of Alexander Buchanan decd.
One new \$8. 73 one red point calf \$2 2. 73
One brandle calf \$2 one red point do \$2 1. 00
One brandle white steer \$3 one do \$3 0. 00
One do \$2. 50 one crop ear saw \$3. 50 8. 00
One old stile with cap & plow 15. 00
One new do with cap & plow & turn lat 80. 00
5 mowh huts 11. 25
2 large barrels \$1. 50 4 small do \$1. 50 2. 00
One tub 25 and 3 small barrels \$3 3. 25

\$/33

Merced County Set We have appraised the foregoing
property of the Estate of Alexander Buchanan
decd as above stated

Given under our hands this 6th day of October
1807

Charles M'Ghee James Woods Robert M'Ghee

John M'Ghee Robert M'Ghee

Merced County Set of the County Court 1807

The foregoing additional
Inventory of the Estate of Alexander Buchanan
decd was produced into Court for record to be
recorded

Attest Tho. M'Ghee

Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of
Alexander Buchanan decd

1 Negro girl named Jane	150
1 Negro boy named Isaac	250
1 do girl named Emily	120
1 do man named John	300
1 do woman named Mary	250
1 do girl named Nancy	70
1 do boy named William	200
1 do woman named Mary	333 3/4
1 do boy named Charles	400
1 Gray Horse 30 - 1 Sorrel do 50 - 1 Brown do 25	105
1 brown mare 20 - 2 Shep 1. 50 - 5 Hogs 9	30 50
1 Saw 12 Sh. at 5. 50 - 2 four p. pig 5	10 50