

... me of God's love. I Abraham & Hannah of
County of Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina, being in a
state of health but of sound mind & memory, thinks be to
do this, or, nothing to mind that it is appointed for all
men once to die; Do make & declare this my last Will and
Testament: that is to say, principally and first of all, I give
my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & on
Body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent manner
at the discretion of my Executors; and as touching such
worldly estate where with I have pleased God to bless in this
life, I give & dispose of the same in the following manner
and form viz -

1. I Give & Bequeath unto Dorcas Alexander my beloved wife
all that part or parcel of the plantation whereon I now live
which contained my Inception House & Improvements to pass
the same during the term of her natural life together with
my two Negroes named Linah & Tamm / so that the same
during the term of her life, I also the Negro Girl named Ann
to her, her Heirs & Assigns forever in full & Bequeath unto
her one good house & 1/2 lot in the town with all its furniture with all
my Kitchen furniture, as also a full good part of all my other
things, which may remain after the payment of my several
debts hereafter specified.

2. To my son Isaac I give & Bequeath in and to him a good sum of

money I give & Bequeath to Elizabeth Alexander my only daughter in
the sum of hundred and five pounds.

3. I Give & Bequeath unto Abraham Alexander my son the sum
of fifty pounds -

4. I Give & Bequeath unto Nathaniel Alexander my son the
sum of fifty pounds, together with one good Horse and saddle to be
paid him when he may arrive at the age of twenty one years.

5. I Give & Bequeath unto Jacob Alexander two hundred & 50
acres of land being the Southern parcel or division of the
plantation whereon I now live.

6. I Give & Bequeath unto Ezra Alexander my son (whom
I recommend to be taught the trade or Profession of a
Carpenter or any other

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grammar school & passed through what is commonly
a liberal education under the direction of my
father & give & begeth to him the sum of fifty
pounds when he may arrive at the age of twenty.

Now It is my will & direct that my son Cyrus shall receive
some english learning, which has been given to
to my other children, and also I give & begeth to
him that perfect or division of my lands which he
and which contain my present improvements to his
Heirs & assigns for ever, to have to him at and after
the decease of his mother.

Now It is my will & direct that within a convenient time after my decease
all my personal estate not herebefore disposed of shall be sold
by publick vendue and the monies arising therefrom shall
after payment of all my just debts and all the above
mentioned legacies be equally divided amongst
six years of which he and in case any one or more
of them shall die before the age of twenty one
then their portions or shares bequeathed shall be
divided amongst those of them who may survive
And I do hereby constitute & appoint my dear son
Cyrus & Alexander & my two sons Isaac & Abraham
& Alexander to be my sole executors of this my last Will &
Testament, and also Trustee & Guardians for all my
above named that are in their minority, and I do hereby
utterly disavow, revoke & disannul all & every
former Testaments, Wills & Legacies by me in anywise
written or bequeathed before, Ratifying & confirming this and
this to be my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I
doe Abraham & Alexander have hereunto set my hand.

Leat this 12th day of April 1786

Signed, sealed, pronounced & declared by the
said Abraham & Alexander as his last Will
& Testament in the presence of us who in
his presence and in the presence of each other

Abraham & Alexander