

divided equally among those that survive. Let his friends  
and dependents settle between wife Rachel and my brother  
Matthew their wife & at the time execution of this my last  
will and testament and have the discretion all may calculate due  
me regard lessons memory and then to take care that this my  
will be performed according to the true intent and meaning of the  
same In witness whereof the said James Hanes has set my  
hand & seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord 1779  
Signed Hanes & Dillaway

In the presence of us

James Hanes

Andrew Hanes

Benjamin Hanes

In witness whereof I do sign

In the name of God, amen I witness before James Hanes  
recently in the Province of North Carolina; Being through the goodness  
of God, through the grace of his Son Jesus Christ,  
I have an imperfect understanding and memory do constitute this  
my last Will & Testament & desire it may be received as such.

I most humbly beseech my Lord to God my Maker blessing  
his most gracious acceptance of it through the all sufficient  
merits & mediation of my most compassionate Lord & Saviour  
Jesus Christ

Wishes I give my body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be  
buried to be in a Christian like manner at the discretion  
of my executors hereafter mentioned And as to what worldly  
goods the Lord hath endowed me with I give & bequeath  
in person & power following that as I say I will & provide  
under that all my just debts be paid.

I do positively order that the contents hereof be read  
to all my children & dependents & that they be  
left

and the least, so as side saddle which I do bring with  
consent my dear wife Margaret Alexander here and leave  
her there part -

Item. I do bequeath unto my dear Children the remainder  
of the Estate where it is to be divided equally between  
them. Following my dear Eliis to have five Pounds for each  
man's Money above £1., part, And my dear Elizabeth  
all which is to be divided in manner aforesaid following  
to my two Daughters at the age of Eighteen with  
Schooling proper to their dignity - And to my son Eliis  
at the age of Twenty one with proper Schooling also -  
Item. As for my dear Children I do leave the care of them under  
God to their Mother to do as she thinks best for them during  
her widowhood and then I do leave them care of my  
daughter Mary to her Grandfather John W. Henry during  
his life time and then to be at her Mother's disposal  
Item. I also leave the care of my Daughter from to her Uncle  
Abraham Alexander, and I leave my Dear son Eliis  
to be left to care of his Uncle Ezra Alexander until the  
age of Fifteen then to be put to such a trade as he shall  
choose - I do also nominate my said Uncle  
considering my dear Margaret Alexander being 75.  
Ezra Alexander to execute this my last will & Testament  
and also trustees for my dear Children above named  
in Walnuts which I have herunto set my hand and  
the sixteenth day of December 1768 and in  
fifteen years to come.

In Presence of,

James Alexander  
Abraham Alexander  
Ezra W. Alexander