

I doth remember that I Ezra Alexander of Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina being in my perfect senses Do make this my last Will and Testament in this wise I give and bequeath to my beloved wife a bed & furniture a chest, a spinning wheel, a saddle and twenty four dollars per annum to be paid in the manner and form as shall be hereafter described. Together all my Drapery and Kitchen furniture, one cauldron only except I give & bequeath to my son Ezra Alexander the sum of Sixty Dollars which sum he shall retain in his hands of a note from him to me due now in my possession -

Item I give and bequeath to my son Lewis Alexander a parcel of land on the East side of Little Sugar Creek beginning at the Northwest corner of it. & extending Eastward along the creek thence down the creek and so running West to the Creek thence down the Creek and down the skirts of the high land so as to include the bottom as far down as my land extends down the Creek thence by the highest corner which stands in the Old field and thence East as far as my land extends and all the lands included in my lines so of their boundaries.

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Dorcas the sum of Five Dollars to be raised and divided out of my estate -

Item I give & bequeath to my son Adon the sum of Sixty Dollars to be raised and divide out of my estate -

Item I give & bequeath to my son Langston all my Land lying North and West of him beginning on the East bank of Little Sugar Creek at a point east of the North east corner of the step patch farm and so running West to the Salmon Run thence along said step patch farm to the road leading to the house from town, thence along the fence to the little meadow thence along the verge of the cleared land to the small piece I cleared for a Turkey patch thence the course of the fence as far as the first corner, and then back to William Alexander's line -

Item I give & bequeath to Mecklenburg Co., NC Wills 183-184 All the remainder
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It is my will that up my son James Burgess do fail to make
and convey to my son Paris all the land held by him with
or my Malissa and also all that is held on the west side
of the Beaufort between my enclosed ground & William Hearn
does long as base of such failure or refusal the said James
has shall forfeit as much of the said Hearn that is in
lying with contiguous to my improvement as may be
contained within the said boundaries which forfeited
land shall revert to my son Paris -

Am. I give & bequeath to my Daughter Redempia a bed & furniture
and two hundred and twenty five Dollars to be used &
lived out of my estate together with a Spinning Wheel
and Saddle.

Am. I give & bequeath to my Daughter Polly a bed and
furniture to Spinning wheel a Saddle and two hundred
& fifty Dollars to be raised & ~~lived~~ out of my estate -

Am. Further it is my will that if my daughters remain after
discharging the above legacies the two daughters be divided
between my Sons James Burgess and Paris -

Lastly. It is my will that my Sons James Burgess and Paris do
on my decease pay to my wife wife the sum of eight dolls.
each year as long as she shall live - And my son
James Burgess and Paris shall together with her
agreed to my wife wife add to the executors of this my last
will and testament freely utterly recklessly discharging
and disannulling all other debts legacies and bequests by
me heretofore made. Ratifying and confirming this will
no other to be my last will & testament. In testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal
the 16th day of February A.D. 1798 -

Signed sealed & published before me & witness'd
as a true Standard Ego affording to be
my last will and testament in presence
of us who in his presence and in the presence
of each other have hereunto set our hands
in witness -

Ego affording