

In the name of God Amen. I Margaretta the lawful wife of the
 County of Mecklenburg & State of N. Carolina being in my
 declining health of body and mind for which I desire to be
 the witness, yet calling to mind the mortality of my body &
 knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die
 do hereby make & declare this my last Will & Testament
 that is to say principally & first of all. I commend my
 Soul into the hands of God who gave it, and my body to
 be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discre-
 tion of my Executors, and as touching such worldly estate
 wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give
 & dispose of the same in the following manner & form viz
 I give & bequeath unto Mary the name of my dearly beloved
 wife all that double survey or Tract of Land on which
 I now dwell for & during the term of years and one fourth
 part of the same during her natural life, I give unto
 her my said wife Mary two negro male viz Sam & Ben
 and four Scotch Horses her choice, all the Plows and
 Harrows and all other farming utensils fit for husband-
 ry also twelve head of horned Cattle her choice
 of the whole flock and all the Sheep, Hogs, Geese Poultry
 and all the Kitchen & household furniture that appears
 necessary to keep the family comfortably together for & during
 her widowhood, and then to rank into my estate to be
 disposed of as here after directed. I likewise give & bequeath
 unto my said wife Mary her Bed & furniture her Dress-
 ing and Saddle and all the Dressing furniture and one Negro
 woman named Bel to her and her assigns forever -

Item I give & bequeath unto William L. the under my beloved son
 the sum of six hundred & fifty pounds, five hundred pounds
 of which I have already paid into the estate of Thomas
 Polk cleared on his account, I also give & bequeath unto
 my beloved son William L. the under one Negro man named
 Jack in Mecklenburg Co., NC Wills 1783-1844
 as he shall be given to him among his children
 as he shall see fit in his discretion

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be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discre-
tion of my Executors, and as touching such worldly estate
whereunto it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give
& dispose of the Same in the following manner & form viz
I give & bequeath unto Mary Hannah my dearly beloved
wife all that double Parsonage or Trust of Land on which
I now dwell for & during her life ~~and~~ and one fourth
part of the Same during her natural life, I give unto
her my said wife Mary two negro male viz Sam & Abram
and four tooth Horses her choice, all the Hens and
Hensons and all other farming utensils, fit for her use
viz also I include her of Horned Cattle her choice
of the whole flock and all the Sheep, Hogs, Geese Poultry
and all the Kitchen & household furniture that appears
necessary to keep the family decently together for & during
her widowhood, and then to sink into my estate to be
disposed of as here after directed, I likewise give & bequeath
unto my said wife Mary her Bed & furniture her Dress-
- and Saddle and all the Dressing furniture and one Negro
woman named Bet to her and her assigns forever -

Item I give & bequeath unto William L. Hannah my beloved son
the sum of six hundred & fifty pounds, five hundred pounds
of which I have already paid into the estate of Thomas
Polk cleared on his account, I also give & bequeath unto
my beloved son William L. Hannah one negro man named
Jack in Trust to be equally divided among his Children
as he shall think proper at his decease.

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved son James L.
Hannah the sum of one hundred pounds also my
right, Title & claim to the Sale of a negro girl named
Nancy, now in possession of John Carls and sold by my

James as my agent unto said John Parke the value of which said negro I give & bequeath unto my said son James R. the said in trust to be divided among his children as he shall think proper at his decease -

" It is my will & pleasure that all my lands lying on McAffins Creek on four tracts nearly adjoining be divided agreeable to equality & quantity into two equal divisions by two or more men indifferently chosen by my executors -

Item I give & bequeath unto my well beloved son Silas Alexander all that division of the land on McAffins creek as above described on which he now dwells to him his heirs & assigns forever I also give & bequeath unto my son Silas Alexander one negro girl named Ann in lieu of the property he furnished towards the Mountain Lands -

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Hogarth Alexander all that other division of my lands on McAffins creek as above described and on which he now dwells to him his heirs and assigns forever -

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Erno Alexander one Horse & Saddle one Bed & bedding and the sum of one hundred pounds to be paid by my two youngest sons to whom I give the land on which I now live -

" It is my will & pleasure that the plantation on which I now dwell consisting of two tenements joining each other be divided in to two equal divisions paying due regard to equality and quantity Houses & Improvements by three or more men chosen by my Executors for that purpose -

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Jack Alexander one of the above described divisions of the land on which I now live his choice of those divisions when divided as above directed to him his heirs & assigns forever and one Bed and Bedding his Horse and Saddle -

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Ozwad Alexander all the above described divisions of the land on which I now live to him his heirs & assigns forever -

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to equality & generosity into two equal divisions by two men
man independently chosen by my executors.

Item I give & bequeath unto my well beloved son Silas Alexander all
that division of the land on which I now dwell as above described
on which he now dwells to him his Heirs & assigns forever
I also give & bequeath unto my son Silas Alexander one negro girl
named Ann in lieu of the property he furnished towards the
Mountain Lands.

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Hogobich Alexander all
that other division of my lands on which I now dwell as above
described and on which he now dwells to him his Heirs and
assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Emor Alexander one
Horse & Saddle one Bed & bedding and the sum of one hundred
pounds to be paid by my two youngest sons to whom I give
the land on which I now live.

" It is my will and pleasure that the plantation on which I now dwell
consisting of two sharps joining each other be divided in to two
equal divisions paying due regard to quality and quantity
Houses & Improvements by them or mine now shown by my
Executors for that purpose.

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Jacob Alexander one of
the above described divisions of the land on which I now
live his choice of those divisions when divided as above
directed to him his Heirs & assigns forever and one Bed and
Bedding his Horse and Saddle.

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Ogea Alexander all the
other above described division of the land on which I now
live when divided as above directed to him his Heirs and
assigns forever & also one Bed & Bedding his Horse & Saddle.

Item It is further my will & pleasure that each of my two above
said sons Jacob & Ogea pay unto their brother Emor Alexander
the sum of fifty pounds as soon as conveniently may be

that 10 then shares of my estate may be nearly equal —
 Item I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Esther Garrison
 one Chest of Drawers in Trust for her Daughters, Caroline Garrison
 which Chest of Drawers is now in possession of my Daughter
 Esther Garrison, and it is my will & pleasure that my Negro
 woman named Jean and her three Children Dick and Frank
 and Nancy and other children if any there should be of her
 offspring, be and remain in her possession & custody wholly
 for her use & behoof for & during the space of eighteen years
 and then to be divided between herself & her Children and
 she shall think proper if she should live that long; but if
 she should die before that time, then at her death to be
 divided among her Children as her husband shall think
 proper —

Item I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Virginia Alexander
 one Negro Girl named Hannah, one feather Bed and
 furniture one Bay mare & saddle, one Chest of Drawers
 six head of horned Cattle & one Silk gown pattern —

Item I Give & bequeath unto my son & daughter Rebecca and
 Elias Alexander, Elizabeth Alexander & George Alexander
 all my Land lying & being on the waters of French Creek
 river consisting of ten tracts to them their Heirs and assigns
 forever upon the following terms Viz that each of them shall
 do pay into my Executor within a month of my death & the
 said Land shall be equally divided among them —

And in order to enable my Executors hereafter named to pay all
 my just Debts and the above Legacies it is my will & pleasure
 that they sell & dispose of as much of my Estate not devoted
 as will consume the sum of \$1000 and the residue & remainder
 of my Estate I Order to be appraised by three independent
 freeholders men of experience & character upon both
 which said property and Cash (if any) shall be equally
 among all my Children —

And I do hereby constitute & appoint to Mary my wife
 William Alexander & James D. Alexander my true & lawful
 Executors of my last will & testament in full power to them
 and each of them to execute the same in full power to them
 and each of them to execute the same in full power to them

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and Nancy and other children if any there should be of her
offspring, be and remain in her possession & custody wholly
for her use & behoof, for & during the space of eighteen years
and then to be divided between herself & her children and
she shall think proper if she should live that long; but if
she should die before that time, then at her death to be
divided among her children as her husband shall think
proper —

I then. I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Maria Alexander
one Negro Girl named Hannah, one feather Bed and
furniture one Bay mare & saddle, one Chest of drawers
six head of horned cattle & one silk gown pattern —

Here. I Give & bequeath unto my son James A. Alexander
Silas Alexander, Joseph Alexander & James Alexander
all my lands lying & being on the waters of Branch River
river consisting of ten tracts to them their heirs and assigns
forever upon the following terms Viz that each of them shall
do pay into my Executor within seven years, pounds & the
said lands shall be equally divided among them —

And in order to enable my Executors hereafter named to pay all
my just debts and the above Legacies it is my will & desire
that they sell & dispose of as much of my Estate not devised
as will conduce to the purpose and the residue & remainder
of my Estate I Order to be appraised by three indifferent
freeholders men of experience & character upon both
which said property and both (if any) shall be equally
among all my children —

And I do hereby constitute & appoint Mary my wife
William S. Alexander & James A. Alexander my two eldest
sons to be my sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament
and I do hereby disclaim & disannul all &
every other former wills Testaments, Bequests & Grants
by me made & made or bequeathed before, hereby

and confirming this and no other to be my last Will & Testament
In W^{itness} whereof I the said Higginbotham after a due have. have unto
set my hand & Seal this 4th day of August, 1796.

signed & sealed pronounced and declared by Mr. Will
Henry which he read as his last will & testament in
the presence of witnesses in his presence & in the presence
of each other have subscribed our names
James B. B.

It is then attested
 William Sample Allen
 I do hereby do and in full view of the last & Testament of Haze-
 Keith Allen under dated the 8th day of August 1796 and is as
 follows Viz: - Whereas the said Haze Keith Allen did in said will
 to my wife Mary is only showing her to be understood I hereby showing
 & bequeath the one half of said stock her, her heirs & assigns, I give
 the other half of said stock to be disposed of as she shall direct
 of the will - And whereas there is in said will no mention made
 of Charles Polk or his children, I the said Haze Keith Allen do
 now well give & bequeath unto the said Charles Polk all the property
 which my late beloved daughter Mary took with her after her
 marriage with him Viz. Negroes &c &c &c

Also I do hereby impower & require my Executors not only to sell
so much of my Estate not devised or may be necessary to pay
all my Just debts & the Legacies mentioned in said Will, but
also to sell or appraise a parcel or parcels to such Will as they shall
think best all such remainder or remainders of my Estate
as shall at any time fall into their hands or hereafter sink into
my Estate & the net proceeds thereof equally to divide among all
my Children now living or then alive if dead at the time of
said distribution. — Lastly I declare that the indenture
be annexed to and become a part of my last Will & Testament
the Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 28th day of January 1790.

Signed Lucius H. Brewster

In presence of us

John Davis

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The presence of witnesses in his presence & in the presence
of each other have herewith subscribed our names
James Orr

Or a Thomas Mitchell

William Sample Allen

Henry Alexander

I do hereby declare on Oath & in view of the last Testament of Henry
Alexander who died the 8th day of August 1796 and as
to Henry Orr - who as the said, Joseph, Henry & George divided in said will
to my wife, Henry is only claiming his widowhood & thereby claiming
the one half of said stock, his share & assigns, for the
the other half of said stock to be disposed agreeable to the direction
of the will - And whereas there is in said will no mention made
of Charles Polk or his Children, I the said Henry Alexander do
now will give & bequeath unto the said Charles Polk all the property
which my late beloved Daughter Mary took with her after her
marriage with him viz Negroes &c &c &c

Also I do hereby empower Virginia my daughter not only to sell
so much of my estate not devised as may be necessary to pay
all my just debts & the expenses incurred in said will, but
also to sell or appraise agreeable to said will as they shall
think best all such remainder or remainders of my estate
as shall at any time fall into their hands or hereafter sink into
my estate & the net proceeds thereof equally to divide among all
my Children now alive or then alive if dead at the time of
said distribution - Lastly I declare that this indenture
be deemed to and become a part of my last will & Testament
In testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal
this 24th day of January 1797

Signed Sealed & Presented

In presence of us :

John Davis

Thomas Davis

Edwin B Bradley

Henry Alexander