

that have and for which I have made
 provision as to my body I give it to the Earth from whence it was
 taken to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion
 of my Executor hereafter named nothing doubting but that
 I receive the same again by the power of Almighty God at the
 general resurrection, and as touching my worldly Estate I will
 and dispose of it in the following manner to wit:

- Item I will & require that all my burrying charges be discharged and
 like wise all my Lawfull Debts --
- Item I will & require that my well beloved wife beyond have all that
 she brought with her and the third of all my moveable estate --
- Item I will & require that all the moveables of my Estate be sold at
 publick Auction and all the profits arising to be disposed
 up at the discretion of my Executor
- Item I do will & constitute my dear and beloved Son Adam
 my Executor of this my last Will & Testament
 and do acknowledge him to be my last Will & Testament Re-
 newing and disannulling all former Wills & Testaments to be
 of no force or use; And I do give and give with my hand
 and seal this 22nd day of March in the 12th year of the Reign
 of George the third and 4th year of the said Lord 1742
 signed sealed pronounced and
 declared in the presence of
 Joseph Kennedy } William Alexander Secy
 Elias Alexander }

In the witness of God Amen. I James Alexander of Mecklenburg
 County & State of North Carolina being in health of Body and of
 sound mind & memory yet considering the uncertainty of Life
 and being at present called to go into the field of War, and
 not knowing whether ever I shall return, I think it good
 as well as my Duty to make and dispose of my worldly
 estate as follows

First

I hope that my wife & children and family have upon it
 occupy my plantation with all the improvements of husband
 name in my possession and to keep under it as long as all my
 attacks of rheumatism, leprosy, dropsy, &c. shall be so severe for the
 recovery and to keep in the possession of all my lands, my plantation
 and to wish my wife & children and family to be settled in
 it to be 21 years of age, only to give a boy or a girl of my
 family as shall be thought fit to be settled in the plantation
 shall be sent to the plantation and to be settled in the
 land to be sent to the same in his or her own way, and to be
 living till he be 21 years of age or he shall be sent to my
 plantation in which I have land with all the improvements
 only my wife & children and family shall be settled in the plantation
 of my wife & children and family shall be settled in the plantation
 in which she remains a widow and to be settled in the plantation
 the plantation containing 300 acres of land with a house and
 each & every of the rest of my sons within the time to the age
 of 21 years & my daughter or my daughter-in-law shall be sent
 in the work if it be so, and to be settled in the plantation
 each of my other four sons the same of my daughter, and to
 help her further being to be settled in the plantation
 two & three & four & five & six & seven & eight & nine & ten
 to carry on the plantation work and to be settled in the plantation
 other work as is absolutely necessary in carrying on a farm
 and to be settled in the plantation and to be settled in the plantation
 his plantation, carrying on the plantation and to be settled in the plantation
 further to be settled in the plantation and to be settled in the plantation
 plantation that I give the same with my wife & children
 Rachel C. Here or there such as she shall choose out of my land
 and to be settled in the plantation and to be settled in the plantation
 and her chest & spinning wheel & the same shall be sent to her
 to be sent to her and my daughter as she shall think fit. Her
 plantation and to be settled in the plantation and to be settled in the plantation

and Jeremiah (who arrived in the country on the 1st of June 1791) and
I have in 21 years of age, only my wife & boy & one of my
daughters shall be thought ~~to be my heirs~~ for as to
shall be sent to ~~public sale~~ and the land. My wife, in the
last to be sent to the same or ~~intermediate~~, My wife's son
lives till he be 21 years of age & if he dies all the time my
plantations on which I have laid out the sum of \$1000 in
only my wife, who is now ~~with~~ at the estate & in the opinion
of my wife's attorney & have the same ~~entirely~~ settled
in her name while she remains a widow & my wife's children
the plantation containing 300 acres of land & 1000
each & every of the rest of my sons within the time to the age
of 21 years & my daughter ~~old~~ ~~7~~ ~~and~~ ~~her~~ ~~share~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~
in the world if it be ~~so~~ ~~that~~ ~~she~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~pay~~ ~~it~~
each of my other four sons the sum of \$1000 & to
help him further in the business of ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~
two ~~acres~~ ~~of~~ ~~land~~ ~~as~~ ~~my~~ ~~share~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~
to ~~the~~ ~~plantation~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~
other tools as is absolutely necessary in carrying on a farm
and I have ~~my~~ ~~land~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~name~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~
his ~~mother~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~name~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~
further is that when my son ~~has~~ ~~arrived~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~age~~ ~~of~~ ~~my~~
plantation that I give ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~
packed a Horse or Man such as she shall choose out of my ~~own~~
and ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~
and her chest & spinning wheel & the ~~same~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~
to be used by her and my daughter as she shall think fit. Her
bedstead & cabinet and ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~
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spinning wheel, further to be ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~
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I Wished to have a third part of the money arising from that sale
 and the remainder after ~~the expenses~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~cost~~ of my
 children Together with the price of my Negro boy & other things
 sold before and what money may be found in my ~~box~~ ~~or~~ ~~papers~~ and
 Deeds shall be equally divided among all my children, and if
 any of them shall die before they come of age then their part to be
 divided equally among those that survive. I desire I wish
 and desire that my wife should be served with Dower by other
 means ~~rather than~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~com~~ ~~puted~~ ~~as~~ ~~if~~ ~~she~~ ~~had~~ ~~been~~ ~~separated~~ ~~from~~ ~~me~~ ~~by~~ ~~her~~ ~~own~~ ~~fault~~
 and Testament and have the description of all my estate due
 my my oldest sons namely and then to take care that this my
 will be performed according to the true intent and meaning of the
 same. In witness whereof I have signed & subscribed here with my
 hand & seal this 25th day of December in the year of our Lord 1779
 Signed & sealed & delivered

In the presence of us
 Andrew Houston
 Benjamin Houston

James Alexander Clerk

In the presence of Good Men Andrew Alexander of Anson
 County in the Province of North Carolina; being thorough the liberal
 goodness and mercy of God, through weakness of body yet of a
 sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this
 my last Will & Testament & desire it may be received as such
 I most humbly beseech my soul to God my maker beseeching
 his most gracious acceptance of it through the all sufficient
 merits & mediation of my most Compassionate Lord & Savior
 Jesus Christ

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. Good as to what worldly
 Goods the Lord hath bestowed me with, I give & bequeath
 in manner & form following that is to say I will & bequeath
 under that all my said worldly Goods