

In the name of God Amen, I James Alexander of the County of Mecklenburg & State of N<sup>c</sup> Carolina being past middle age reflecting that death may not far distance, do order & declare this to be my last will and Testament.

1<sup>st</sup> That my body be committed to the earth in a decent Christian like manner clear of supersticity as my Executors hereafter to be mentioned will direct, and as to my worldly Estate It is my will that following distribution be made after my death.

2<sup>d</sup> I Will & bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret all her realty my dwelling house where I now live with all the out houses & barns and all the land of the old tract with what I bought of John Allen from the same went to others to the old machine branch and to the branch next the saw mill except what is called the cotton meadow and to the crop some which includes the meadow during her life or widowhood, together with an absolute of two beds and furniture my horse, gig & Harness two Cows, either & Betty her daughter half a dozen silver spoons one set of China of 15 dollars, one dozen Delf plates, one dozen tinware & plates at four dollars, one dozen table spoons of Britanica which latter I will at her whole disposal.

3<sup>d</sup> I Will & bequeath to my daughter Margaret all her Black woman slave Peggy & our black girl called Betty together with her two beds and furniture and all the household & kitchen furniture that I gave her after she married, and also the one half of all my land that lies on the East side of the road that leads from Charlotte to Greensboro all to be for her and her heirs forever use. The land to be equal in quality & quantity & the issue of said Peggy & Betty in the same way.

4<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath to my son George W. Alexander all my tract of containing 65 1/2 acres lying in Madison County through the house he rides & saddle & bridle & negro boy slave called Joe all his medicine & medical books, one bed & furniture and all the money spent on his education, him to buy such more of them as he sees fit to make up the sum

like me more clear of superfluities, as my Executors hereafter  
to be mentioned will direct, and as to my worldly estate it  
is my will that following distribution be the effect after my death  
2<sup>d</sup> I Will & bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah all the land  
my dwelling house where I now live with all the out houses  
& barns and all the lands of the old tract with what I bought  
of John Allen from the same went to others to the old machine  
branch and to the branch next the same small except what is  
called The cypress meadow and to the cypress home which includes  
the meadow during her life or widowhood, together with an  
abolish of two beds and furniture my horse, gig & harness  
two Cows, Esther & Betty her daughter half a dozen silver tea spoons  
one set of China of 15 dollars, one dozen Delft plates, one dozen  
Bonnie & Jack at four dollars, one dozen Table spoons of Britannia  
which latter I will at her whole disposal.

3<sup>d</sup> I Will & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Hardisill one black woman  
named Peggy & one black girl called Betty together with her two beds  
and furniture and all the household & kitchen furniture that I  
gave her after she married, and also the one half of all my land  
that lies on the East side of the road that leads from Charlotte to  
Watersford all to be for her and her heirs forever use. The land to  
be equal in quality & quantity & the issues of said Peggy &  
Betty in the same way.

4<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath to my son George W. the whole of all my tract  
of containing 65 1/2 acres lying in Madison County together  
the horse he rides & saddle & bridle, a negro boy named  
Joe all his medicine & medical books, one bed & furniture  
and all the money spent on his education, him to pay  
each one of his Brothers one hundred Dollars when they  
come to need it & if one or more die to make up the sum  
to them that survives.

5<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath to my Daughter Hannah I wish one black  
woman named Sally & one named Betsy together with their  
two beds & furniture with all the household & kitchen

junction that I give her after she married and also the  
one half of all my land that lies on the east side of the road  
that leads from Lakeville to Becton's place - all to be, in her &  
her heirs proper use & the issue of said Sally & Henry in the  
same way together with these others -

6th I will bequeath to my son George G. all that tract  
of land on the north side of the old Machine branch & a  
part of this side including the ditch meadow there as  
~~beginning~~ <sup>beginning</sup> at the head of the branch at the head of  
the ditch then a south course till you strike the crop/row  
that encloses the meadow & east with that line to the said  
branch below then with the branch to the mill pond and up  
the pond to where my line crosses said pond & with the said line  
of the Lee & Bryan Tracts till the left two stone corners and  
comes to the 3d and still with Wrians to top small Hickory  
not far from the ditch thence to the beginning in the foot  
of the branch; and one negro boy called Sals & one other called  
Sam. & one called Peggy, are heres to all & his children & his estate  
as one hundred dollars each & his negroes in proportion  
to the rest of my lands, also that tract of land lying on the north  
side of Duck river eight miles below Columbia Tennessee  
including a back spring in my last Lease containing  
two hundred acres running from a large white oak N. by E  
corner west to the river & up the river for complement -

7th I will bequeath to my son Robert & his heirs all that tract  
of land on the north side of Duck river eight miles below  
Columbia Tennessee beginning at a white poplar tree  
from a Beech forest & my own corner marked Z A  
thence south to a large white oak about 100 paces or there  
thence west to the river & down the meadow to the corner on  
the bank of the river then with forest to the next corner  
supposed to be 100 acres and also all the land I have on the  
East side of Sugar Creek Swamp, the house mill, one horse  
saddle & horse & harness & all the rest of my property

6<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath to my son Thomas G. W. all that tract  
of land on the north side of the old Machine branch & a  
part of this side including the ditch Machine branch an  
~~beginning~~ <sup>beginning</sup> at the fork of the branch at the head of  
the ditch then a south course till you strike the cross fence  
that crosses the meadows & east with the line to the said  
branch below them with the branch to the mill pond and up  
the pond to where my line crosses said pond & with the section  
of the land & by on to the left two stone corners and  
comes to the 3<sup>d</sup> and still with friends to top small Hickory  
not far from the ditch thence to the beginning in the fork  
of the branch; and one negro boy called Iq & one other called  
Sam. & one called Pegg, are having to do & I give to the estate  
at one hundred dollars per head & proportion in proportion  
to the rest of my land, also that tract of land lying on the north  
side of Duck river eight miles below Columbus Tennessee  
including a bank opening in my last Lease containing  
two hundred acres running from a large white oak N. by E.  
corner west to the river & up the river for a complement —

7<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath to my son Robert & his heirs all that tract  
of land on the north side of Duck river eight miles below  
Columbus Tennessee beginning at a black stone corner  
from a black fence & my own corner then to the 2<sup>d</sup> corner  
thence south to a large white oak about 100 paces at the  
fork west to the river & down the meadows to the corner on  
the bank of the river then with fence line & all the meadows  
supposed to be 300 acres and also all the land I have on the  
East side of Sugar Creek between the dam mill, one horse  
saddle & bridle to be valued at one hundred dollars, in my  
my named Lease, and one black girl named Lila & one boy named  
Billy & one bed & furniture in proportion to the rest of my son

8<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath to my son James R. & his heirs all that tract  
of land on the north side of Duck river eight miles below Columbus  
Tennessee beginning at a black stone corner at the head of a ditch

near the old road that lead from Hunters Ford to Spring Meadows  
 running west on the top of the ridge to a Dogwood, then south to a  
 Hick Pecanella & my own corner marked LA then south Pecanella  
 line west Pecanella to a Stake, then south passing Glaberns & back  
 large white oak corner to the river about 15 poles then up the  
 river above Hunters Ford to some or box older than North with  
 French land to the beginning supposed to be 300 & more acres  
 also all that parcel of land off of the north & west end of the  
 1840 tract beginning at the 2<sup>d</sup> Stone corner Glaberns corner  
 and Lewis track then to what is called Hazels Spring, then west on  
 some north of west to a small crooked hickory line corner  
 then south Lewis's line to the beginning, and on negro boy named  
 Washington & one negro girl named Lucy, one horse saddle & bridle  
 to be valued at one hundred dollars, also one bed & furniture  
 in proportion to the rest of my beds -

9<sup>th</sup> I will & require to my son Abel A. Alexander all the residue  
 of my lands on this plantation when I now live and that begin-  
 -ing at that has not been heretofore mentioned or what shall here-  
 -in be mentioned including my dwelling house barns & other houses  
 (except my shop & the Dead House and that is to George's use if he  
 chooses to make it or as long as he wishes to occupy it) and not  
 to claim a pecuniary clearing my wife widowed or life time  
 and one negro boy named Foney, one horse saddle & bridle to be  
 valued at one hundred dollars, one bed & furniture equal in propor-  
 -tion to the rest of my beds and also one negro boy slave named John  
 with a refusal to continue on the plantation with my wife to  
 assist in keeping up the farm & to support the family during  
 my wife widowed or life time -

10<sup>th</sup> It is also my will that my shop and all belonging to it  
 & its contents left to the use of my wife & family during  
 her widowhood or life time and also my new hold wagon  
 and all the farming utensils & gear in manner above describ-  
 -ed and at her marriage or death all to be sold & the proceeds  
 arising to be divided amongst my four young children equally  
 or otherwise as they may see fit.

large whole oak corner to the river about 15 paces then up the  
river above Hunter's ford to some or box elder then North with  
fence land to the beginning supposed to be 300 ft more here  
also all that parcel of land off of the north & west end of the  
Bryan tract beginning at the 2<sup>d</sup> stone corner clay borne ridge  
and Lewis track then to what is called Pigeon Springs, then west or  
some north of west to a small covered hickory low corner  
then with Lewis's line to the beginning, and one negro boy named  
Washington & one negro girl named Lucy, one horse saddle & bridle  
to be valued at one hundred dollars, also one bed & furniture  
in proportion to the rest of my beds.

9<sup>th</sup> I will & require to my son Abel A. Alexander all the residue  
of my lands on this plantation where I now live and that be join-  
ing it that has not been heretofore mentioned or what shall hereafter  
be mentioned including my dwelling house barns & other houses  
(except my shop & the Doct. Shop and that is to long's use if he  
chooses to reside it or as long as he wishes to occupy it) and not  
to claim a pecuniary clearing my wife's widowhood or life time  
and one negro boy named Toney, one horse saddle & bridle to be  
valued at one hundred dollars, one bed & furniture equal in propor-  
tion to the rest of my beds and also one negro boy slave named John  
with a refusal to continue on the plantation with my wife to  
assist in keeping up the farm & to support the family during  
my wife's widowhood or life time.

10<sup>th</sup> It is also my will that my shop and all belonging to it  
& its contents left to the use of my wife & family during  
widowhood or life time and also my new horse wagon  
and all the farming utensils & tools in manner above describ-  
ed and at her marriage or death all to be sold & the proceeds  
arising to be divided amongst my family & servants equally  
or otherwise as they can agree.

11<sup>th</sup> It is also my will that all my great debts shall be paid & upon  
the establishment of the same, I desire that my saw mill & boat  
and all the land beginning at the foot of the branch that  
leads out of my lot next the mill then nearly south

to a Spanish Oak across. James Byram made me of one  
large tract, then with said land to the break below the mouth of  
the river. Then up the break passing the Hardsgate to the mouth  
of said branch mentioned above then up said branch to  
the beginning with the claim I what value I claim in it  
and also all the land I claim lying on the west side of  
the Western fork road  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Cherokee together with  
what property not willed, and all the residue left after  
debts being paid to be paid to each of my sons as much as  
will get them & a dozen silver Tea spoons and my sons -  
Robert & James & Jacob each one hundred dollars each & the  
balance to be divided amongst all my children & my wife

Thus to the 2<sup>nd</sup> head } I also will my wife during her life time or widowed all  
my household & kitchen furniture with an absolute the rock  
Bureau small folding leaf Table to be at her disposal

Thus to the 3<sup>rd</sup> head } I also will to my son James & Alexander my dining maple  
folding leaf Table the Walnut Bureau the pine desk & one  
small Table at my wife's death or term of widowhood or  
before if she please And the Cherry Candle Stand -

Thus to the 4<sup>th</sup> head } I will to my son Abner & Alexander my Secretary & Wash case  
my Walnut Cup board the Cherry folding leaf Table with  
count & one small Table & silver Table spoons to my wife  
use during life or widowed -

12<sup>th</sup> I also will to my three sons James, Robert & James all the  
residue of my Dutch river tract of land not yet willed  
that lies next to Eof Hudspeths to be equally divided & each  
one of them to pay their brother residue thirty three & 50 dollars

13<sup>th</sup> It is my will that if either of my sons dies before the attainment  
the age of twenty five years or more the wife or family or  
heirs of them shall be divided equally amongst  
my surviving sons and daughters -

14<sup>th</sup> I will to my daughter Elizabeth I will the land to be  
Charlotte where my William Caudwell has built his house

15<sup>th</sup> I will & appoint my beloved son the 2<sup>nd</sup> William and my  
Trusty friend the 3<sup>rd</sup> William to be the executor of this my last will &  
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and take all the land I claim lying on the west side of  
 the Western road road 3 1/2 miles from Charlotte together with  
 what property not willed, and all the residue left after  
 debts being paid to be paid to each of my sons as much as  
 will get them & a dozen silver Tea spoons and my sons -  
 Robert & James & Jacobson one hundred dollars each & the  
 balance to be divided amongst all my children & my wife  
 I also will my wife during her life time or widowed all  
 my household & kitchen furniture with an absolute the seat  
 Bureau small folding leaf table to me at her death or  
 I also will to my son James & Alexander my costly maple  
 folding leaf table the walnut bureau the pine desk & one  
 small table at my death or term of widowhood or  
 before if she please And the Cherry candle stand -  
 I will to my son John & Alexander my Secretary & book case  
 my walnut cup board the Cherry folding leaf table with  
 round & one small table & silver table spoons to my wife  
 use during life or widowhood -  
 I also will to my three sons James, Robert & James all the  
 residue of my Dutch river tract of land not yet willed  
 that lies next to Eoff Hudspeeths to be equally divided each  
 one of them to have their brother in law thirty three & a half dollars  
 I also will that if either of my sons dies before the attainment  
 the age of twenty five years or more & leaving no family nor  
 issue their portion shall be divided equally amongst  
 my surviving sons and daughters -  
 I will to my daughter Elizabeth Burdett the two lots in  
 Charlotte where my William Burdett has built his house  
 I will & appoint my beloved son George Wether and my  
 Trusty friend Thos. H. Alexander to execute this my last will &  
 Testament in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal  
 this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 1826 - signed sealed & delivered in  
 presence of Paris & the undersigned  
 James Wether  
 John H. Alexander