

182. In the name of God amen! I John Linke of the County of Rowan & State of N^o Carolina being sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given to God calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will & test: that is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it, & my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my executors, & as touching such worldly estate, where with it had pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise & dispose of the same in the following manner.

First I give & bequeath to Hatty my dearly beloved wife a bed & bedclothes, one cow her choice of the whole one sow & six sheets. Next I allow all the rest of my estate both real & personal, to be sold to the best advantage, then first I desire that my funeral charges be paid, then the remainder to be divided according to law, between my wife & four children and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannull all & every other former test: wills legacies bequeaths & executors by me in any wise before named willed & bequeathed, ratify & confirming this & no other to be my last will & test: in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 22nd day of December 1794.

Signed, sealed, & declared in the presence of us.
John Linke
Mark Hobson
John H. Loward.

I do appoint W^m Robison &
Jacob Linke executors.

183. In the name of God amen! the 9th Day of January 1800
I John Lawrence, in the County of Rowan, in the State of North Carolina, being very sick & weak in body, but of perfect mind & memory thank be given to God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will & test: that is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it & my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again through the mighty power of God & as touching such worldly estate wherewith it had pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise & dispose of the same in the following manner! viz.)

1. I will that all those debts & duties I owe in right & consequence to any one whatsoever shall be well & truly paid in convenient time after my decease by my executors.
2. I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret my plantation, I now live on, as it stands with the house, furniture & plantation utensils, to her during her widowhood & all the stock consisting of one mare, cows, hogs, sheep & geese, & after her widowhood or death all to be sold & divide as hereafter named.

I give & bequeath unto my beloved son William two hundred & twenty five acres of land lying on the east & of the road I now live on joining James Graham, & the dividing line to run north & south.

I give & bequeath unto my two beloved sons Theodore &

David, the remainder of my land, in Rowan to be equally divided between them & to cast lots for cash, and the land I owe in Burke County, I allow to be sold when the suit is ended with McDowell & the price to be equally divided between William, Mary, Alexander & David, I give to my beloved son Will^m the young mans best compagnie.

Item I give to my beloved son Alexander Delworth
Shoemakers assistant Item I give unto my beloved son
David Fishers Athmatick.

Item I give to my beloved daughter Mary her bed and
furniture thereto belonging & her saddle & two cows such
as her mother sees cause to give her & two pewter basins
& pewter dish, a half dozen of pewter spoons & a half
dozen of pewter plates & a two gallon pot & a eight
gallon pot & after my beloved wife's decease I allow all
the moveable property to be sold that I have not named
& my beloved daughter Mary to have fifty pounds &
the remainder to be equally divided between William, Hen-
ry, and Mary & David! I allow the corn, I give to my two
sons Henry & David to be sold & equally divided between them.

And lastly I ordain my beloved wife & my beloved son W^m
& Squire John McCorkle executors of this my last will & test
& I do hereby utterly disallow revoke & disannul all & every
other former test: wills, legacies, bequests & execut: by me
in any way before named wills, ratifying & confirming this
& no others to be my last will & test: in witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above written.
Signed sealed in presence of us — J. H. Lowrance ^{seal}
Pat Graham John Sherr: Thomas Cowan, X

In the name of God Amien! I Conrad Low of Rowan County
in the State of N^C Carolina being very sick in body but of
perfect sound senses & memory thank be to God for the same
calling to mind the uncertainty of life & the certainty of
death, do for the purpose of disposing of my estate & settling
my affairs in full with each & every individual, make & ordain
this to be my last will & test: I give my soul to God who
gave it, my body I recommend to the earth, requesting of a decent
& a christian burial, of my friends & executors, and as touching
my worldly estate, wherewithal it had pleased God to bless me in
this life I give & dispose of the same in the following manner.

1. I will that all my just debts shall be paid out of my estate.

2. I give & bequeath unto my brother in law George Glaf's my son's stud horse.

3. I will that my land shall be rented & kept for the use & maintenance of my well beloved mother during her life, I will also that the money that is due to me after my debts is paid out of it, & all other articles to me belonging shall be for the use & maintenance of my well beloved mother during her life.

4. After my mothers death I will that my land & what is left of my personal property if any, shall be equally divided between my two sisters Elizabeth Lockman, & Eliza Glaf's, to their own use & benefit for ever to dispose of or to do with the same as they shall think proper & willing in witness whereof I the said Conrad Low have to this my last will & test: set my hand & seal the 9th day of September 1796.
I appoint my brother in law George Glaf's executor.
Signed, sealed in presence of
Nicolas Crison, Henry Drumer, Jacob G. Conrad Low, seal