

In the name of God the father son & holy Ghost amen I James Buchanan  
 of the County of Chesterfield Parish of Manchester am sick & weak at present  
 but of perfect mind & memory Thanks be to god calling to mind the mortality of my body  
 & knowing it is appointed <sup>me</sup> ~~me~~ for all men to die do make & ordain this my last will  
 & Testament in the manner & form following

I Item I leave & bequeath to my well beloved Wife Elizabeth Buchanan the use & enjoyment  
 of my Land & Plantation whereon I now live Also two Negro Galloway French & young  
 two choicest Bracts two choicest cows & calves one choicest horse and further  
 & Furniture one square down Table as much of the Powder as she chooses also other  
 necessaries such as some of my Sheep & Hogs <sup>which</sup> I desire & order to her during her  
 life I give & bequeath my land whereon I now live being two hundred & sixty

After my Wife's Death to be equally divided among my four  
sons Stephen William Sarah and Elizabeth each my share I desire that they  
have the Liberty to choose that part wherein he most likes to dwell, their Heirs forever  
Item my Will & Desire is further that my son Stephen have the part where the  
Plantation now is

Item I give & bequeath to my four Daughters Mary Purdie Parnass Elizabeth  
Elizabeth Farmer & Tabitha Cheatham each of them one acre a Piece to them & their Heirs  
forever

Item I give & bequeath to my son Stephen Cheatham one breeding cow that he sells his  
own also his stock out of my stock of Hogs for the encreasing <sup>year to him</sup> his Heirs forever

Item I give & bequeath to my three Daughters Mary Purdie Parnass & Tabitha  
Cheatham one good feather bed & Trussure a Piece to them & their Heirs forever

Item I give & bequeath to my five sons Stephen William Sarah Jacob & Elizabeth

Cheathams one good father do & Furnish a Piece to them & their Heirs forever

Item I give & bequeath to my five sons Stephen William, Sarah, Jacob & John  
all the rest residue & remainder of my Estate Also that part I left my Wife after her  
Death to be equally divided between them to them & their Heirs forever

Lastly I appoint my son Stephen Cheatham & Thomas Wadsworth my sole & legal  
Executors to this my last Will & Testament revoking <sup>all</sup> other Wills by me made & I will charge

them to have hereunto set my hand & seal this twelfth Day of May in the year of  
our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty three

Witnessed published & declared  
in presence of

James Cheatham  
James <sup>his</sup> Turner  
Grace <sup>mark</sup> Cheatham

Stephen Cheatham  
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