

In the name of God Amen I Abraham Sandiford
of Cumberland County being in a low state of health but
of perfect mind and sound memory knowing the uncertainty
of life do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament
revoking all other Wills or Will herebefore made; have bequeathed
my Estate in the following manner.

Impressis It is my will and desire that my just debts be paid
out of such part of my Estate as my beloved wife shall see
proper to dispose of.

Item I bind to my beloved wife Joanna all my Estate both
personal and real during her natural life or widowhood;
but in case she should marry or die in my further will
and desire that an immediate division of my Estate should
take place including the negroes (and other property in possession
of my daughters) that are married either by loan gift
otherwise which shall be accounted for the same as part
Estate the whole to be thrown into one Common Stock
and divided equally to the number of my living children
and in equal proportion be allotted and out of said
children with the addition of one third to be added to the

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proportions more than than be given to the (any)
that is that each of my sons shall possess & receive
quite one third more in their lots than the Daughters
that each of my Children who have received Negroes
their property shall amount for the same as part of the
estate and what is in their possession shall be deemed
much of their proportions paid valuing the same as the
the division take place That the negro woman known
by the name of little Judith shall be included in the
lot set apart for my son Matthew if he should make
choice of the same It is my desire that the division of my
estate should be made by three disinterested impartial men
and that my two sons Abraham and Matthew my
son Dianna should receive the necessary supports from the
estate untill my sons arrive to the age of twenty one or
bound to a trade and my Daughter married In case
my wife should marry I wish her part of Estate during her

natural life to be divided after her decease in form and manner before
recited to wit giving y^e more to my sons than the Daughters
I also invest in my beloved wife full and absolute power to distribute
among my Children after my debts being paid one fifth part of my
Estate except the negroes as she may think necessary. Occasions shall
require the proportion of my Estate allotted to my Daughters Francis Smith
I stand to her during her natural life and after her decease to be
equally divided among her surviving Children. In my further
(and assure that the Tract of Land on Green Creek containing
two hundred and eight acres being of Beverly - Mississippi be sold or
leased for the term agreeable to the lease by which I hold the same
&c further I invest my Executors with full power to dispose of any
part or parcel of the Tract of Land whereon I now live and the
money arising from such sales or rent I desire may be applied
and appropriated to the use of the Estate as shall or may seem
most conducive to its Interest provided it be within the scope of
the power of my wife Johanna Simmons I appoint John
Woodson & Stephen Cook Executors and bid ad my I have

Woodson Stephen Cook Executors I do hereby certify
Execution to this my last will & Testament in writing
made and seal this seventh day of July one thousand
seven hundred and eighty four.

Signed seal published & declared
in presence of

Wm. Sanderson L. S.

William Woodson

Sarah Delgraffenicht

Wm. S. A few

mark

The words between Estate & small blotter not before signed

Witness

William Woodson

Sarah Delgraffenicht

Wm. S. A few

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At a court held for Cumberland County 22nd November 1784

This last will and Testament of Abraham Sanderson executed

was proved by Miller Woodson one of the Managers thereof and
a Court held for the said County of Cumberland the 21st of January 1725
the same was further proved by William Astin and ordered
to be Recorded And on the motion of Joanna Sandiford &
Stephen Cook Executors and Administrators in their Will named
who made both according to Said Certificate & granted them
for obtaining a probat thereof in due form they having
with John Woodson John De Samuel Williams
and Miller Woodson their securities entered into bond
according to Said and Liberty is reserved to the other
Executors to join in probat

Test Miller Woodson etc.