

In the name of God amen, I Alexander Roane of Gloucester County being sick & weak of body but of sound mind and perfect memory do make constitute and ordain this present writing to be my last will and testament in the following manner first I revoke & make void all former wills heretofore by me made secondly I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God and Saviour my body to be interred at the discretion of Exors. hereafter named and as to what worldly estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of in the following manner (to wit) Item I leave to my Loveing Elizabeth Roane all my lands Negroes and personal estate dureing her widowhood. Item at the marriage of my wife or if she does not marry at her death I give to my son William Roane my mill and all my land over my mill to Norman's Spring branch. Item at the marriage of my wife or if

she never marrys at her death I give to my son Charles Roane all the remainder part of the land that was left to me by my father up to sadlers line including a piece of land that I bought of Sadler lying over spring branch which will make the line streight with former line between my Father and Sadler. Item I give to my son Alexander Roane at the marriage of my wife or if she never marrys at her death the land whereon my dwelling house stands all the land from the line which used formerly to part my Father and Sadler, from thence up to John Wallers path to the great road. Item after the marriage of my wife or if she never marrys at her death I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Roane all the remainder of my land over John Wallers path to the great road and to Newcombs line. Item at the marriage of my wife or if she never marrys at her death I give all my negroes and all my personal of every kind to be equally divided among my children (to wit) William Roane, Charles Roane Alexander Roane Thomas Roane Frances Roane Elizabeth Roane and the child that my wife is now big with. Item my will and desire is that if either my son William or Charles decease before they shall come to the age of twenty one years that the survivor of them two shall have the land I give to the deceased one. Item my will and desire is that if either my Alexander or Thomas should decease before they come to the age of twenty one years that the survivor of them two shall have the land I give the deceased one. Item if any of my children should die leaving no child or children lawfully begotten before a division of negroes and personalty should take place I desire that the survivors shall divide the said negroes and personal Estate equally among them when a division shall legally take place. Lastly I appoint my wife Elizabeth Roane, John Kidd, and Christopher Garland Executors to this my last will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and eighty four.

Alexander Roane (Seal)

Sealed and delivered

In presents of

Thomas Dillard

George Waller

John Groom

At a Court held for Gloucester County the 2nd day of June 1785.

This will was this day proved in open court by the oaths of George Waller and John Groom witnesses thereto and by the court admitted to record.

Teste Thomas Nelson Jur. Cl. Crr.  
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