

In the name of God amen. Thomas Atkinson of the County of
Greensville being sick and weak but of sound and perfect sense and
memory praised be Almighty God for it and calling to mind that it is
appointed of God for Man once to die. Do make and adain this my
last Will and Testament. First of all I give my soul to God that gave
it me hoping for the resurrection to eternal life and my body to be
laid from whence it came to be buried in such decent manner

as my Executors hereafter mentioned shall think fit and as for
my worldly Estate that God has been pleased to bestow on me, I
give and bequeath as in manner and form following.

I Item to my beloved wife I lend one negroe Man by name Ben,
also Frank, Fanny, Davy, also Three Horses, by name, one black
Horse, Dempsey, and Torch, six head of Cattle, also
one booke of Oxen six head of Sheep one thousand weight of good
Cork also two Sows and Pigs Two Beds and furniture also half of
the remainder of my Household Furniture and Kitchen furniture
one riding Chair and Harness, my land and plantation I lend
one half of it to my wife during her life.

residing in said and Kinross, my Land and plantation and
one half of it to my wife during her life.

Greensville County December Court 1796. This writing was
presented to the Court as purporting to be the last Will and Testament
of Thomas Athison deceased and the same not being signed by the
Testator or any Witnesses subscribed thereto, Robert Hardaway
William Athison and John Athison were severally sworn who depose
that the same was written by the said Hardaway and in the
presence of the said William and John Athison and the same
being read to the Testator they all heard him acknowledge the
same, as far as was written, to be his last Will and Testament.
whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded. And on the
motion of the said John Athison Certificate was granted him
for obtaining Letters of Administration on the said Testator's Estate
with the said Will annexed in due form he having made Oath
thereto according to Law and with William Athison junr. and Peyton
Harwell his securities entered into and acknowledged Bond in the
penalty of Six Thousand Dollars with condition as the Law directs.

Test. P. Pelham Clerk.