

In the name of God Amen Thomas
Henderson of Louisa County and Martin Parish Being weak
& Sickly of Body, but of sound & perfect Memory of mind yet con-
sidering the brevity of this Painfull & Transitory life do this Twen-
ty second day of January in the year of our Lord ^{Christ} one Thousand
seven Hundred & eighty eight Do Make constitute & contain
this to be my last will & Testament in manner & form following
Inprimis I most Humbly bequeath my soul to God my maker
boasting his Most Gracious Acceptance of it, thro the all sufficient
merits & Mediation of my Most Compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ
who gave himself to be an atonement for my sins, and is able to save
to the uttermost all that come unto God by him, seeing he ever Liv-
eth to make Intercession for them; and I trust will not Reject me a
Returning penitent sinner when I come to him for Mercy, on
this hope & Confidence I render up my soul with comfort humbly
Praising the most Blessed & Glorious Trinity & God most holy
Most Mercifull & Gracious who prepare me for the time of my Disolu-
on & then take me to himself into that peace sweet & Incomparable
Abode he will have that I am & shall be yours given & bequeathed

on I therefore take me to myself into that piece & rest of a meditative
felicity for all those that love & fear his name, amen blessed be God.
Next I Commit my Body to the Ground from whence it was ta-
ken in full Assurance of its Resurrection from thence at the Last
Day, and as to my Burial I Desire it may be decent & at the
Discretion of my Dear Wife & Executors hereafter mentioned.
And as to my Estate both real & Personal I dispose of & transfer
I give & sell the following. I Give I lend to my Dear Wife Elizabeth Hender-
son my whole Estate both Real & Personal I giving her being my Wi-
dow & not to be Interrupted, but if she marrys. I Desire she may claim
Nothing by it if will I leave her my house & land as she likes
if she should that I would live over after her death & leave her Compa-
ny by Estimation one Hundred & ^{Twenty} Five Acres to her & her hei-
res forever I Give I give to my son David Henderson the other half
of my Land & now live on after his Mothers Decease containing by Estima-
tion one Hundred & Twenty five Acres to him & his heirs forever
If either of my sons John Henderson or David Henderson
should disagree with regard to the choice of their Parts of Land of
acres given & be divided I will they or their Executors or Assigns
purchase them I Give I give to my daughter Ann Henderson

derson & that Henderson, David Henderson, Marydison &
Elizabeth Kerr & Anne Henderson to them & their heirs,
I hereby give to my grandson Charles thirty shillings Cash
after his grand Mother's Decease I hereby give to my grandson David
thirty shillings Cash after his grand Mother's Decease I hereby
and lastly I nominate & appoint my son W^m Henderson of Iowa
Henderson to be the Executor of this my Last Will & Testament here
by Revoking & Disentwilling all former & other Wills & Will
Therefore made by me & publish & Declare this to be my Last
As Witness my hand & seal the Day & year first above written
Signed sealed published & Declared }
In presence of } John Henderson

Mich Anderson
John Bagby & John Anderson }

A Court held for Louisa County, Mo. the 9th of 1868
That Will was this Day proved in open Court by the Oath of Mich^l
Anderson, John Bagby & John Anderson Witnesses & that by the
Court ordered to be Recorded.

Teste John Nelson C. L. C.