

In the name of God amen I David Christopher of the Parish of St James
and County of Mecklenburg being sick and weak of Body yet of sound and
perfect memory do make and ordain constitute and approve this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form Following, Viz First I give my
soul to God that gave it me hoping through the merits & mediation
of Jesus Christ my Saviour & Redeemer to have full pardon & remission
of all my sins and the Joy full Resurrection of the last day & my Body
to the earth from whence it was taken to be Buried after such decent
manner as to my executors hereafter named shall think convenient
Secondly that all my Just debts and funeral Charges be first paid
and satisfied. Item I give and bequeath to my son William Christopher
three hundred and fifty acres Land more or less adjoining John Smith
and including Townells tract which tract of land lies below Cooks old
road and on both sides of the branch of Blue Stone and is part of the
tract whereon I now live also one negro boy named Peter one leather
Box and furniture and two Cows to him and his Heirs forever
Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Christopher
one negro woman named Nancy one negro Boy named Hall one
leather Box and furniture

and furniture & two cows to her and her Heirs forever. Item I give
and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Christopher one negro wench named
Sarah one negro boy named Edmund one feather Bed & furniture two cows
to her and her Heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter
Fanny Christopher one negro girl named Grace one feather Bed and
furniture two cows and the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds to be
raised out of my estate to her and her Heirs forever. Item I give and
bequeath to my Daughter Sally Christopher one negro girl known by
the name of Dilse one feather Bed and furniture two cows & one hun-
dred and fifty pounds to be raised out of my estate. Item I give
and bequeath to my son Jacobus Christopher at the decease of my
Beloved Wife the residuary part of the tract of Land wherein I now
live to him and his Heirs forever also I give unto my said son Jacobus
two negros named Tabb and Junboy one feather Bed & furniture
two cows and the sum of one hundred & fifty pounds which said
money is to be raised out of my estate to him and his Heirs forever
yet should the said son Jacobus die before he arrives to the age of
twenty one or without heir lawfully begotten then the said Land

Negroes Bed and furniture and money to be equally divided among my surviving children. I then I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth Christopher during her natural life the tract of Land whereon I now live after three hundred and fifty Acres to be taken off for my son William and as the same that I have will to him also I lend my said wife Elizabeth during her natural life the following Slaves Viz; Tom, Luce, Jane, Ciss, Abner, Virgie, Melly, Bob and Sam together with my stock of all kinds Household & Kitchen furniture Plantation utensils which said Land, Negroes &c I lend to my beloved wife and which shall be in lieu of her Dower and at her decease the said Slaves and their Increase Stocks of all kinds Household & Kitchen furniture Plantation utensils to be equally divided among all my Children Viz; Susannah Crompton, William Christopher Elizabeth Christopher, Franky Christopher, Mary Christopher, Nanney Christopher, Sarah Christopher and Jacobus Christopher to them and their heirs forever. I do appoint my son William Christopher and my friend Edward Finch my wife and sole executors & lastly I do publish & declare this to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills to me made.

John J. Pound
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Mildred Corner

David Christopher 53

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 18th day of June 1784
This Will was proved by the oath of John Pound and Mildred Corner the other witnesses thereto being absent Robert Williams Esq.
was sworn and deposed that he is well acquainted with the hand
writing of the Testator and only believes that the name David Christopher to
the said Will subscribed is the proper hand writing of the Testator whereupon
the said Will is ordered to be recorded And on the motion of William
Christopher and Edmund Finch the executors therein named who made oath and
together with Richard Jones, John Beville, Samuel Black and William Glanville
Bailiffs their securities entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the
penalty of three thousand pounds Conditioned as the said will
certificate was granted them for obtaining a probate of the said will
in due form

Teste
John Beville Esq.