

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Anderson of the Parish  
of the County of Mecklenburg being in perfect health and of sound  
disposing mind and memory but knowing the uncertainty of this  
life do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament first  
publishing of command my soul to God who gave it hoping for pardon  
and forgiveness of my sins through the intercession of our blessed  
and redemptor Christ Jesus and my body I commit to earth to be buried  
as my executors shall think proper. Next I give and bequeath to my  
daughter Frances Taylor the negroes I have already bequeathed her with  
her and her heirs forever. Next I give and bequeath to my son  
William Taylor the negroes I have already bequeathed him with to be  
and his heirs forever. Next I give and bequeath to my daughter  
Anne the negroes I have already bequeathed her with to her and her  
heirs forever. Next I give and bequeath to my son James Anderson my  
daughter Anne my daughter Susanna Jones and my daughter Mary  
Anne the negroes I have already bequeathed them with respectively  
them and their respective heirs forever but it upon a decision of  
what it appears to my executors that my said son James Taylor  
and my daughter Anne Jones, Susanna Jones & Mary  
Anne not an equal part of my goods and personal estate with my other  
daughters mentioned my Will as that my executors make them

have not an equal part of negroes and personal estate with my children. I have mentioned my will as that my executors must have respectation to my real estate in negroes or money as to them and some land. My wife is my beloved wife Sarah Anderson the care of my estate both real and personal during the term she remains in widowhood she maintaining and educating my children. In case my wife should die intestate then I leave her the use of six or seven acres by her out of my slaves, my sitting chair, and her choice of my horse and feather bed, during her natural life and after her decease give the said slaves, or one horse, and feather bed, as my other negroes and personal estate is hereafter directed to be divided. All my negroes and other personal estate I give and bequeath to be a trustees between my children, William Anderson, Martha Jane Anderson, Mary Anne Anderson, and Sarah Anderson, Lucy Clark, and Anne Anderson, to them and their heirs respectively. I give to my children, William Anderson, James Anderson, and Sarah Anderson, all my lands which only take out of my negroes and personal estate. I give to the negroes proper maintenance and clothing more than I regard to the propensities of my sons, William Anderson, Martha Jane Anderson, Mary Anne Anderson, and Anne Anderson.

to all as well I give and bequeath to my son James Anderson  
and Thomas Anderson all the money and Tobacco that  
belongs to my estate after paying my debts to them and then  
have forever I give after the decease or intermarriage of my  
wife Sarah Anderson my will is that a division be made  
of my personal estate. I give and bequeath all my  
lands to be equally divided between my sons James Anderson  
and Thomas Anderson to them and their heirs forever and  
my will is that one lay off and the other take choice of his  
manly thereof. Lastly I do appoint my son James  
Anderson my wife Sarah Anderson and my son Thomas  
Anderson executors of this my last Will and Testament  
and do hereby revoke all other wills by me formerly made  
declaring this to be my last Will & Testament Witness my  
hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1780

Signed sealed published  
and declared before us

James W. Kelly  
William Bridgwater  
Young Burton  
Deputy & Son

Thomas Anderson



Thomas Anderson  
William Bridgewater  
Young Butler  
Deacon [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear]

Thomas Anderson Esq.

All a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1780  
was held was proved by the oaths of William Bridgewater  
and Young Butler Witnesses thereof and Orders to be  
recorded and on the motion of James Anderson and Thomas  
Anderson two of the Deputies then named who made  
oath and together with John Potter and Benjamin Whitehead  
their associates and others and acknowledged their bond on the  
penalty of one hundred pounds and provided conditional as  
the Court did [unclear] granted them for obtaining  
a full and complete Liberty being received  
for the other [unclear] the publication  
she shall think fit

Esq.