

Will
In the name of God amen I William Alexander of the

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of health but of perfect mind and memory and recollecting the mortality of my body

and that it is appointed for all men once to die: do therefore make and Ordain this

my last will and Testament (which is to take effect after my decease) hereby commending

my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came not

counting but that it will be raised at the last day - And as to ^{the} my worldly estate God has

blesed me with I Order and dispose of in the following manner Viz I Order my

executors to pay the debts that I am justly owing as soon as possibly convenient either out of

the debts that are owing me or from the sale of the lands I shall Order to be sold - I Order my

executors as well where necessity may require or when they may think most for the advan-

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executors & all whose receipts may require or whom they may think meet for the advan-

tage of my heirs all the lands I own on the Little River and high and altered by Patent from

anyone or location, also what ~~land~~ ^{land} I have remaining of what I purchased of Robert

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upsk lying on the North river adjoining Andrew Reids land; also that part of
the lot with my brick house which I have not before given away also whatever
lands I am entiteld to lying on the North branch of Licking in the state of
Kentucky (excepting what I shall give to my brother Archibald, sister Jane and
brother Samuels Child) and I hereby give my executors the same power
and authority as I now have myself to make sufficient conveyances in Fee Sim-
ple to the Purchasers of the aforesaid lot and lands and for any other lands I could
be compelled in law to convey but in case one or Both of my executors should die be-
fore this part of my will is executed I hereby give their executors or administrators like
power and authority I Order my executors to pay my daughter Phibe ninety dol-
lars or furnish her with a horse worth that sum also my son John one hundred dol-
lars or furnish him with a horse worth that sum, also my son Archibald two hundred dollars or

a negro boy worth that sum, also my son John two hundred dollars or furnish him with
a negro boy worth that sum or any other purpose he chooses my son John is not

to leave the last sum until my daughters that will be of age can receive equal
proportions with him of what shall be coming to them — I give and bequeath

to my brother Archibald my sister Jean and my brother Samuels Child, the
one third of fifteen hundred acres of land lying on Pickens River in the state

of Kentucky, if my claim to that quantity shall remain good that is the
one half of said third to my brother Archibald and the other half of $\frac{2}{3}$ to be

equally divided between my sister Jean and brother Samuels Child which third is to be

land off by one or both of my executors or some person or persons to be appointed by

them agreeable to quantity and quality — I give and bequeath to my son in law

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proportions with him of what shall be coming to him — I give and bequeath

to my brother Archibald my sister Jean and my brother Samuels Child, the

one third of fifteen hundred acres of land lying on Picking River in the state

of Kentucky, if my claim to that quantity shall remain good that is the

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equally divided between my sister Jean and brother Samuels Child which third is to be

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them agreeable to quantity and quality — I give and bequeath to my son-in-law

James Graham a negro boy named Syrus whom his father

16 I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy the the one half of the house I now live in
during her natural life for her to live in and my daughters that are single so long as
they shall continue so — I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy the one eighth
part of the Price of the lot and Buckhouse and the eighth part of the
Rent of the same if it should be rented, deducting either from the Rent or sale whatever
may be expended in repairing s^d house or Buildings on s^d lot — I give and bequeath

to my wife Nancy my daughters Betsey, Nancy, and Patsy; my Negroes Sch-
ler, Lucy, Barney, Harry and Jack to be equally divided among them, but
the s^d Negroes are to remain in the Plantation for the support of my ^{said wife & daughters} in provi-
sions, and be under the direction of my son Andrew, and my wife until they
shall marry or arrive at the age of twenty one years, at which time they shall each

Receive their share of said Negro or an equivalent thereto — I also give and be-

queath to my wife and ³ three daughters Betsey Nancy, and Patsy, each an equal

share of all my household and kitchen furniture and all my books — I give and bequeath to

my wife Nancy and my son Andrew all my Stock of Horses & Cows, sheep and Hogs — and

I order that as my daughters Betsey Nancy, and Patsy shall marry or arrive at the

age of twenty one years they shall receive a proportion of the said kinds of stock from

my wife and son Andrew, as will be equal in value to each daughter to the one fifth

of the amount of the appraisement of ³ stock or ^{an} equivalent thereto — but if my

wife chooses to let her share of said stock remain in common with my son An-

drew (out of which the family are to be furnished with meat &c) and take

Share of all my household and Kitchen furniture and all my books - I give and bequeath to
my wife Nancy and my son Andrew all my Stock of Horses & Cows, sheep and Hogs - and
I order that as my daughters Betsey, Nancy, and Peter shall marry or arrive at the

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my wife and son Andrew, as will be equal in value to each daughter to the one fifth

of the amount of the appraisement of ^{an} stock or equivalent thereto - but if my

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drew (out of which the family are to be furnished with meat &c) and take

for himself his proportion of increase of value profit or loss he shall

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for her share - I give and bequeath to my son John the land I purchased of Richard
and John Reynolds lying on the north side of the north river and bounded by the river
will creek, William Bausesys John Thompsons and James Carnethers lands with its
appurtenances to my son John or his heirs or assigns forever - I give and bequeath to my

daughter Nancy a lot adjoining John Galbraiths land land to be one hundred feet in
in front along the great road and to extend that width back to A Square with

a Plum tree a corner to John Galbraith with its appurtenances to her and her
heirs or assigns forever - I give and bequeath to my daughter Patsy a lot adjoining Bar-

nelius Dommous eighty feet in front along the great road and to extend that wide-
ness back as back as far as his lot with its appurtenances to her and her heirs or assigns

forever - I give and bequeath to my son Andrew my daughters Peggy Sally
Phete, Betsey, Nancy and Patsy each an equal part of the Price of the
land I have ordered to be sold in the state of Kentucky - I give and bequeath to my son

Andrew two parcels of land I purchased from Andrew Moore Attorney in fact
for William Brown lying on Woods creek the one of thirty of ~~thirty~~ ^{thirty} acres in which
I own five excepting Nanceys and Duncays lots, the other of twelve & three
quarter acres — I also give and bequeath to my son Andrew
a small piece of land I purchased of Isaac Campbell lying on
the South side of Woods creek near the Great road the said three parcels of land with

their appurtenances to my son Andrew or his heirs or assigns forever excepting
the half of the house I live in before bequeathed for my wife and daughters — I also
give and bequeath to my son Andrew my negro boy named Baxter all my farming uten-
sils or complements of husbandry, my big waggon, and Barn furniture also all the
furniture provided for furnishing the house I live in also all the grain crops

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the half of the house I live in before bequeathed for my wife and daughters - I also
give and bequeath to my son Andrew my negroe boy named Carter, all my farming uten-

ils or implements of husbandry, my big waggon, and Barn furniture also all the
materials provided for finishing the house I live in also all the grain crops
that has been or shall be raised by my own hands on any land I have before

18 bequeathed or Ordered to be sold. I Order my son Andrew to pay himself out of 19

the first money that can be collected, either from the lottery, for rent or from the sale

of my Brickhouse and lot for whatever repairing or building he has done or may do

on Brickhouse and lot, before it is sold, including his own time & labour. I Order my

son Andrew to furnish necessary and suitable provisions for my wife during her life, and

my daughters Betty, Nancy and Patsy until they marry (if that should happen

place) if my wife and three daughters continue to live in the house in which now live in,

that I have before mentioned for that purpose. I give and bequeath to my

wife all my apparel. If the debts that are owing me that can be collected should

amount to more than the Debts that I owe, the surplus I Order to be equally divided among

all my children sons & Daughters. The burnt Irons left from the burnt houses I at

low to applied towards repairing the scum for again I Order the house I now live into

to be finished at the expence of my estate and a keg of Spanish brown I have is to go

towards painting it I The rent of my land on the south side and Irish creek

untill it is sold I give to my Wife and Daughters Betsey Nancy and Patsy and

my Daughters Parts of it till they come of age is to be at the disposal of my wife

The remainder of my estate ~~of my estate~~ not before appropriated nor bequeathed after

Paying my debts I give and bequeath to my son Archibald and daughters Peggy Sally

Phoebe & Betsey Nancy & Patsy each an equal share — Thereby

Appoint my son Andrew ^(Alexander) ~~son~~ my son in Law Samuel I Campbell Executor

of this my last will and Testament — Witness my hand and seal this fifteenth
day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety Seven
Signed sealed and acknowledged
by the testator of

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Phoebe & Betsey, Nancy & Patsy each an equal share. — Thereby

Appoint my son Andrew ^(Alexander) and my son in Law Samuel L. Campbell Executors
of this my last will and Testament. — Witness my hand and seal this fifteenth
day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

In the presence of

James Thompson
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Wm. Alexander (L)

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At a Court held for Rockbridge County the sixth day of June 1797

This writing purporting the last will and Testament of William Alexander deceased was produced in Court by Andrew Alexander & Samuel Campbell Executors therein named and proved by the oath of Caroline Dorman John Newcomer & Timothy Dorman Subscribing witnesses and Ordered to be Recorded And on the motion of Said Executors who made Oath according to

Law Certificate is granted them for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form they having with John Wilson & And Andrew Whitmore their Securities entered into and Acknowledged their Bond in the Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars Conditioned

According to Law.

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