

John M Clendon. Will.

In the Name of God Amen. I John M Clendon of Anson
County & state of North Carolina being through the abun-
dant mercy & goodness of God though weak in body & of
a sound & perfect understanding & memory do constitute this
my Last Will and Testament & desire it may be secured by
all as such First I most humbly bequeath my soul to
God my Maker beseeching his most gracious acceptance
of it Through the all sufficient merits & mediation of my
most compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ who gave
Himself to be an atonement for my sins & is able to
save to the utmost all that come unto God by Him
seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them
who I trust will not reject me a returning Penitent sin-
ner when I come to him for mercy in this hope & con-
fidence I render up my soul with comfort humbly beschu-
ching the most blessed & Glorious Trinity one God
most holy most merciful & gracious to prepare me for
the time of my Dissolution & to take me to himself
into that peace & rest & incomparable felicity which has
prepared for all that love & fear his holy name Amen
blessed be God I Give my body to the Earth from whence
it was taken in full assurance of its Resurrection from
thence at the last Day as for my Burial I desire it may
be Decent without pomp or state at Discretion of my
Executors hereafter named who I Doubt not will
manage it with all requisite prudence as To my
Worldly Estate I will & positively order that all my
Debts be paid. Item I Give and bequeath to my
Eldest Daughter Ann a Tract of Land Containing one
hundred & fifty acres Lying and being in Anson County
South West of Pe Dee on the North West of Brown
Creek joining Little Parnata also a survey of Land
joining the former bequeathed land North West of
Brown Creek Containing one hundred acres also
a tract of Land Containing One Hundred & fifty a-
cres Lying and being in the County of Cumber-
land on the Head Waters of Lower Little River
above Thomas Wadsworths land Item I Give
unto my son Dennis a Tract of Land Containing
Two Hundred acres lying & being on the South

West of Pe Dee near the mouth of Golds fork of Brown
also a survey of Land Containing One Hundred acres at the
head of Hogan Branch Item I give unto my son Samuel
One Hundred acres of Land on the lower side of Parnata
joining Brown Creek also part of a tract of Land of a Hun-
dred acres taken off a tract of Land Containing five Hun-
dred acres now in possession of Dennis M Clendon Junr. ly-
ing on back branch the waters of Brown Creek Item I give
unto my Daughter Rebekah Two Hundred acres of Land
part of a tract Land Patented by Benjamin Smith con-
taining Three Hundred acres lying on the West side of
Pe Dee on the East side of Golds fork Item I Give to
my son Simon one Hundred acres of Land lying &
being in Cumberland County on Lower Little River
about a mile above Shad docks Creek also a Tract of
Land Containing One Hundred acres Lying on Lower
Little River the lower side of the River above the for-
mer tract of land & the rest and Residue of my
Estate to be disposed of for the raising of my Children
above mentioned at the Discretion of William Morris
& Joseph Colson whom I appoint & constitute to
be Executors of this my Last Will & Testament in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 9 Day of
April 1784. In presence of

Isaham Ingram

Joseph Lamer

Dennis ^{his} M Clendon
mark

Anson County July 6th
1784 Then this Will was
exhibited in open Ct by the
Executors therein named & proved
by the oath of Isaham Ingram
& Joseph Lamer witnesses thereof
& ordered to be regist^d & Wm Morris
Qualified as Executor.

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