

The Last will & Testament of Alexander Latham sen.
In the name of God Amen. I Alexander Lathing of the
County of Ashe State of North Carolina a farmer
being weak & low of Body But perfect in mind
& Memory thanks be to God for his blessings calling unto
mind the mortality of my Body & knowing that it is
appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain
this my Last will & testament that is to say
principally & first I Give & Recommend my soul
into the hands of almighty God that gave it & my
Body I Recommend to the Earth to be Buried in a
Decent Christian like manner Burial of the
discretion of my Executors Nothing Doubting But at
the Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the
mighty power of God & touching such worldly
wherewith it has pleased God to Bless me with
in this life I Give & Recommend & Dispose of in the
following Manner & form
First I Give & Recommend unto Elizabeth Lathing my
Beloved wife all my property during her life
that is to say my home plantation & all the lands
adjoining to hold & possess during her life &
after her death to be my son John Lathing
possessory to Every intent & purpose as to my
personal estate I Give it all to my Beloved wife
Elizabeth to Dispose of as she thinks proper
amongst & her children that is to say John
Orlag Aaron David Nancy & Deborah I also do
appoint & constitute make & ordain my well
Beloved Sons Jos. Latham & Orlag Latham
my Executors of this my Last will & testament
all & singular in & to be fully settled by Duobus Quibus
& Discharge all & every other former testament
Revoking & Compromising this & no other to be
my Last will & testament in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
Seal this 5th Day

of August one ^{thousand} Eight hundred & thirty three
Signed Sealed & published pronounced & declared
by the said Alex Latham as his last will & testament
in the presence of us who in his presence & in the presence of each
other have hereunto subscribed
our names

Witness

Payton Colvard Jurat
Nancy King

In the Name of God Amen
I Wm Brown of Ashe County and
State of North Carolina Being of Sound &
perfect Mind & Memory Pledge in
God do this 30th Day of September
in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight
hundred & thirty three Make & Publish
this my last will & Testament in the manner
following that is to say first I Give & Bequeath
to my beloved wife Susanah Brown all
the Land about home & adjoining the tract
where I now live & all my household
furniture & all my farming Tools
& my Sheep & hogs & six milk cows
& calves & two horses of her own choosing
& all my Lard & Butter to have her lifetime
for her own use & support of her children and
Schooling them & at her Death to be Equally
Divided amongst all my children
my two Negroes & the balance of my Estate