

In the name of God amen. I Arthur
Erwin of the County of Burke in the State of North Carolina
being in reasonable health and of perfect and disposing mind and
memory. Do make this my last will and Testament, and do
hereby revoke disannul and disallow all other and former
Wills and Testaments by me ever made heretofore -

After recommending my soul to Almighty God. My will
is that my body be decently interred at the discretion of my
Executors who may be present at my decease -

My will is and I do hereby devise and bequeath unto
my well beloved wife Margaret Erwin, all that part of the Tract of
Land whereon I now live where my House is including all
the Tract purchased of Dea. with excepting the mill Containing
being about 100 acres to her & her use only during her life or
widowhood & no longer. I do also devise & bequeath
unto my said wife Margaret my Negro woman Fenda
and Girl Sally, daughters of Stacey during her life & no
longer and then to be divided as hereafter directed -

My will is and I do devise and bequeath unto my wife two
beds & furniture; with all my kitchen furniture her choice of
one of my Horses saddle & bridle, so much of my farming
tools as shall be by my Executors ~~left~~ for her though be
sufficient for her. three cows & Calves out of my flock of
Cattle with some of my Stock of Hogs to be given her by the
Executors to her & her heirs forever.

My will is and I do devise & bequeath unto my son William my
Negro man Frank to him & his heirs forever.

My will is and I do devise & bequeath unto my son James my Negro
man Jim. a sum of sixty Dollars which two latter articles
has been long since delivered to him to him & his heirs forever -

My will is and I do devise & bequeath unto my son John a
Negro man Called Ben which I delivered him long since
to him & his heirs forever —

My will is and I do devise & bequeath unto my Grandchildren
children of my son Alexander my Negro man so which I
delivered to my son in his lifetime to him & his heirs
forever.

My will is and I do devise & bequeath unto Arthur Robert William
Cyrus & Marcus the five sons of my son Alexander Esq
all that Tract of Land Situate on the Fork of the upper creek
Called the Harbison place containing three hundred
acres to them & their heirs forever & none of them aliened —

My will is and I do devise & bequeath unto my Grandson Arthur Peter
son of my daughter Polly Patton a Tract of Land containing one hundred
acres called Matthew Harbison Place which Tract I bought
of him Matthew & to the said Arthur Patton & his heirs forever.

My will is and I do devise & bequeath unto my daughter Polly
Patton the two Negro women I gave her heretofore named
Nelly & Bena & their increase to her heirs forever & also a
Negro Girl Sally left to my wife during her life and at the death
of my wife to my daughter Polly Patton to her
heirs forever.

My will is and I do devise & bequeath unto my son ^{Grand} Adolphus
Levin my Negro woman named Mary & her increase
which Negro woman I delivered for some time ago to him
and his heirs forever —

My will is and I do devise & bequeath that all my Land
not willed be sold on such credit as shall be for the advantage
of my Estate. My will is also that the Tracts of Land on which
I live be sold after the decease of my wife on such
credit as to my Executors shall be thought advisable & that
my Executors make to the purchaser good & sufficient both
in full for the same and that the proceeds of the sale of the
said Land when received be equally divided & share alike
between my three sons William James & John to them & their heirs forever.

My will is and I do direct and desire that all my negroes not
disposed of in this will they are held be valued by men chosen
indifferently as to relationship (if they cannot be divided without)
and allotted equally among my three sons as to their value
William, James & John, and kept by them, or if they should
think proper to sell them to let those of the family who may
be able to purchase them have them and it is my wish
that they should not go out of the family, the property when
allotted to be to the holders of the same the said John James & William
and their heirs forever

My will is that the part which I hold in the mill contract & the
mills & Land being six acres be equally divided share & share
alike to my son William W. Ewing on half my share &
the other half to my son Alexander five sons trust
Arthur Robert William Cyrus & Clarence to them & their
heirs forever

My will is and do direct that all my estate not bound be sold by
my Executors on such credit as may be right ~~to the persons~~
~~legal estate~~ and that the proceeds of the sale with what
may be owing to me the cash on hand be equally
divided share & share alike among the seven my dear
dearest my daughter Polly Patton to them & their heirs forever
My will is in explanation of the foregoing clause is that
all the Estate not willed or willed to be sold ~~is the~~
~~part thereof in the above bequest~~ — is not included
in the above bequest and it only means the Chattel
property not willed

My will is and I do direct that there be taken from the share
of my son John the sum of Two Hundred Dollars being so much
advanced by me to him in two several times in part of the purchase
of the Roundabout Tract. & whereas he paid twenty Dollars on
that about this is to be considered as in full of the interest of
the two hundred Dollars. There is also to be taken from the share
of my son James Thirty five Dollars being so much money
advanced by me to him & his son in full of all debts by him

My will is and I do by these presents nominate & appoint
my two sons William & James my sole Executors of this
my last will & Testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand
and affixed my seal this 18th day of February A.D. 1819
and 43rd year of American independence.

Signed Sealed. published
Pronounced & declared by the
Testator as his last will and
Testament. in presence of us and
of each of other.

Eliza G. Sharpe

John Sharpe - first

E. A. E. m. m.

W. H. H.

Arthur Owen de

Oct. 1821

W. H. H. &
James Owen &
sworn

The Court of North Carolina Council of Pleas and Equity
County of Wake
This will was presented in Court by W. H. H.
and James Owen executor therein named and
proved by the oath of William H. H. and James
Owen witnesses thereto and swore to the contents
and on motion of J. H. H. executor who gave bond and
took the oath required by law a copy of the will
is granted unto them

W. H. H.