

tation which I now live on and three heads of hors creatures with all the farming utensils and eight head of meat cattle of his own choice him paying to Robert, Adam, Samuel and John, his brothers the sum of ten dollars each and David and Thomas.

3rd- I do will and bequeath unto my beloved son James one milch cow to have his choice after his brother, William.

4th- I do will and bequeath unto my two beloved daughters viz Elizabeth and Marthew the remainder of my meat stock to be equally divided betwixt them and my daughter, Marthew to give one cow to her daughter Nancy. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

I ordain James Bradshaw, Senior and William Watson executors of this my last will and testament.

Testes.

Archibald McCurdy  
James Watson Bradshaw

Thomas Watson seal

October Sess. 1798

### Will of George Wessner

In the name of God, Amen. I, George Wessner, of Cabarrus County, /formerly Mecklenburg/ in the State of North Carolina, yeoman, approach according to my age, the term of life and by the manifestation of the word of God, well knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye, therefore presume it just and plausible by good mind and memory, blessed be God for the same, to make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say, first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me and my body to be buried in a manner and form of Christianities according to the directions of my hereunto named executors. And what concerns such worldly estates wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this world, I dispose the same in the manner and form as follows, to wit- first it is my will that my funeral expenses shall be paid and my just and lawful debts to be discharged out of my said estate by my hereunto named executors.

And further I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Barbarah Wessner, the ample and free uninterrupted possession of this my present dwelling house with all such rights and prerogatives I reserved and excepted in and upon my present dwelling in certain articles of agreement between myself and Conrad Lingle my son-in-law dated March the twenty-fourth last past.

Further I give and bequeath also to my said wife, Barbarah Wessner, all my bedding and bedsteads also my chest and all and singular what is in it all my books of what denomination they be, her spinning wheel. All my kitchen and other household furniture, goods and implements without the lowest exception without any ambiguities or double meanings. Also I give to her my said wife all money due to me by several bonds or note and writings as of Lenard Klots, Peter Droutman, John fesperman, Treag Harris Conrad lingle together with all the

others of my book debts and outstanding debts. Also I give to my wife all my horse creatures as sorrel colt, two year old ~~and~~ another rone colt of the last spring one bay mare. Also two cows with two calves. And the bells to it all, the hogs except what she pleases to sell of it. All the wheat, rye, corn in the ~~green~~ ground upon my dwelling place. And the straw to and other plantings of flax, potatoes all fruit of the orchards as apples, peaches with full liberties to gather and the same upon the same place where I at present live. And also general and particular I give and bequeath to her my said wife all my goods and personal estates to her own proper use possessions and behoof during her natural life times with full power and authoritys by her testament to give and bequeath the same what should remain after her decease. Among my lawful childrens namely George Adam Wessner, Christina Wessner married to Conrad Lingle Catherina married to Joseph Still, Elizabeth Wessner married to Thomas Doggâes David Wessner, John Wessner with that condition that my son, George Adam Wessner to have twenty shillings more and above in my said wifes her testament as in right of his eldership except what than to his share bequeathed unto him.

And I hereby constitute and appoint George Henry Berger of Rohan County State aforesaid Esq. and Daniel Jerret of said Cabarrus County, Esq. as my lawful executors to this my last will and testament and revoke hereby and disanull all former wills testaments and executors heretofore by me made. And declare this as my said will and testament with this codicil and supplement. But not to interrupt the foregoing above legatees nor to act contrary against the same is this my sentiment and will that only with consent of my said wife my before named executors shall be entitled to take so much out of my outstanding debts or other goods as will be sufficient to pay my funeral expenses and costs together with my other debts and such other necessary costs depend- or follows and in accident my said wife Barbarah Wessner sholud dye without making a testament or will-touching and concerns the remaining parts or overplush of all them which is bequeathed and legated to her then my said above named two executors or the survivor of them shall after my said wifes decease what is sellable expose to and set of on a public auction or vendue as soon as possible and also to share distribute and divide the same in coin and equally shares amongst my childrens or the lawful heirs of their body except that my son, George Adam Wessner shall have as oldest son twenty shillings lawful money of North Carolina more as one of the others. In witness and confirmation whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal June 11 1794 of America independence the 18th.

Pronounced and declared by the said George Wessner as his last will and testament in the presence of us who having according to testators desire subscribed our names here unto as witness

his  
Casper X Lingle  
mark  
Johannes Fisher

his  
George C. X Wessner  
mark

Probated Jan. sess. 1795