

In the name of God amens I Alexander

Hinckley of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being low in health though of sound mind and body being strongly interposed with the mortality of the human frame; do make and ordain this my Will and Testamente First I am perfectly content with the law of the State as to what property I may leave, that is to say that my living wife Elizabeth and my dear little son William Poe shall occupy and enjoy it, But as I have sold the land I received by my said wife, further, as I have lately sold the house that whence I now live, and have not possessing other Lands or Houses, and as my said wife & child will shortly, that is to say on the twenty fifth day of December next be without a Home; it being the day on which my agreements the said premises are to be given up, and as there will be a necessity for some provision to be made in this respect. Therefore my wife and child & their executors after named be empowered at their pleasure and by their judgment to purchase a piece of Land with comfortable buildings or otherwise to build thereon; or to purchase a House and Lot, as may appear most expedient and proper, so that my said wife & child may be supplied with an abiding place & also further that my said executors may sell again, or swap or purchase further unto them, may seem most proper for the convenience and advantage of my said wife and child. Be it known my wish is that my old Negro

slave Sarah, my Bay Horse, and my Stock of Sarah
ry and Sardis Tools, be sold on such credit, or in such
way, as my said executors may deem most desirable
or that said Slave to him or at the discretion of my
said executors. And that nothing else be sold except
any executors should find it necessary or expedient -
Also, they desire is (as must now ought to be the case) that
all my just debts be paid as soon as the settlement of
my affairs will permit; and for this purpose, as well as
others, I desire that the debts due me may be collected as
soon as may be consistent with the ordinary convenience
to my executors. - Again as respects my negro Slave
Harry, I perceive the best plan will be to keep him at
his trade, but in this I give full latitude to my said
executors, either to hire him out, or purchase a set of
Smith's Tools, furnish a Shop &c, and let him to work
and if they please put my negro Slave to with him
as a Master, or to do otherwise as they may deem best.
Finally respecting my executors, I wish no restraint
put upon them, but the following; but allow them to
bargain, buy and sell, at their pleasure; with this single
restraint. That they have an eye single to the temporal
of my dear Wife and Child. And further that the
property interest in the possession I under the direction
of my said executors until my said Slave becomes of age

which will be should he live, on the fourteenth day of
September or the year of our Lord and Twenty five
On the event of either, my Will is that the property of
any description, shall be fairly divided between them
share and share alike. And lastly I do hereby appoint
my dear and loving wife executors & my trusty friends
Abraham Brown, William Dermott & Wm. & J. Stearns
executors to this my last Will and Testament, the hope
that they will do me the favor to comply with this my
last important request. In testimony of all which I
have counterset to my Hand and affixed my seal
at Peterborough in the State of Maine this 21 day of
June 1806.

A. Knickerbocker Esq.
Signed sealed and delivered
by the Testator by his
Geo Lucas

H. Dow. - Because my dear Wife should die

with further living it is my Will and desire that all
her share of the property should go to my son and in
case my dear son should die without issue that all
his share of said property should go to my wife or to
her heirs so that the whole may eventually descend to
my wife's relations. Done as before witness H. Dow 1806

Geo Lucas
H. Dow

A. Knickerbocker Esq.

Providence August 1806
by Geo Lucas