

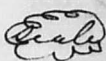
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In the name of God Amen I John Burn, of the County of
Cuthbert and State of North Carolina being of sound mind
memory praised be God for the same, and being desirous to
settle my worldly affairs whilst I have strength & capacity to do
so, and knowing the certainty of death & the uncertainty of life,
do make and declare this my last will & Testament, First
and principally I commit my soul into the hands of my Creator
who gave it, and my body to the earth to be interred under
the direction of my Executors hereinafter named suitable to the
wishes of my relations and friends, I pay all funeral expenses
together with my just debts, however & to whomsoever owing
out of the money that may first come into their hands as a
part or parcel of my estate - Item, I give and bequeath to
my beloved wife Mary Burn, a part of the tract of land where
I now live, as follows - Beginning at the North East of the bar lot
running East to Alvis Burns spring branch, thence up the branch
to the Spring, thence West to a Barch on the South near a good
at crossing place, thence down the South to the River, thence down
the River to the mouth of the branch at the Island, thence up the
branch to the fence, thence North to Alvis Burns Spring branch
where the line from the Barch strikes the branch the East to Alvis
Burns line and with his line to the pine at the Hill fields,
thence West to a corner in Alvis Burns line, thence South to
the line, running East from the Spring Branch - I also give &
bequeath to my beloved wife my road wagon & Car, two shorn
Horns, two negro men, one by the name of Ring the other by the
name of Tom, one negro woman by the name of Ring & her
child Frank two beds & furniture two cows & calves, two sows
and pigs, ten head of sheep, and all the domestic fowl & poultry
and a sufficiency of provision for herself & family for one year
and at the death of my wife my will is that the property
to her be equally divided amongst my now living children
I have & share alike to wit - Henry C. Burn, Alvis Burns, Grace
White wife of Wm. White, Mary Perry wife of Wesley Perry,
Alvis Burns, J. B. Burns, Frances Burns & Mary McKee
wife of J. A. McKee - Item I give and bequeath to my
son Henry C. Burn, one horse bridle & saddle, one bed & fur-
niture which he has received -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son Wm. J. Burns, one horse
bridle and saddle one bed & furniture which he has received
Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Caroline White
wife of William White one horse bridle & saddle one
bed & furniture which she has received -

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Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter living Perry wife
of Wesley Perry, one horse bridle & saddle one bed & furniture
which she has received - Item I give & bequeath to my son
Alvis Burns, one horse bridle & saddle, one bed & furniture
which he has received - Item - I give & bequeath to my
J. B. Burns, one horse bridle & saddle which he has received
& he is to receive from my estate one bed & furniture -
Item - I give & bequeath to my daughter Frances Burns, one
horse bridle & saddle one cow & calf one sow & pigs one
bed & furniture all of which she is to receive from my estate.
Item - I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary McKee
wife of J. A. McKee in addition to what she has already
received a horse worth fifty dollars -
Item - I give & bequeath to my Grand daughter Martha Perry
Burns, daughter of my departed son Eliza Burns, two hundred
and dollar in cash to be paid by my Executors as soon
as they can conveniently do so - The residue of my estate
both real and personal not otherwise devised or
bequeathed, my will is that it be equally divided
amongst my now living children before mentioned above
and share alike with this exception my son Wm. J. Burns
is to account for six hundred dollar for the hire of my son
George Adams before he can come in for his equal share -
And my son Wm. C. Burns is to account for two hundred
dollar for the hire of George before he can come in for
his equal share - My will & devise is that my Executors
will not suffer any of my married negroes to be separated
from wife, or wife from husband if it can be pre-
vented, unless something should take place that makes it necessary
to do so - In order to prevent lawsuits which might ensue
due ill will amongst my children my will & devise is that
if any of the children should contend that I have made a disadvantage
to some of the children by which some of them received more than
others let it be so for I have endeavored in making this my
last will & Testament, to do the best I could for all of my chil-
dren under all the existing circumstances - It is further my
will & devise that my children have no lawsuits with
one another - And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint
my beloved son Henry C. Burn, Wm. J. Burns, Alvis Burns

I J. B. Burns my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will & Testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part & clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills & Testaments by me heretofore made - In witness whereof I the said John Burns do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 28th day of July A. D. 1848 -

signed sealed published & declared by the said John Burns to be his last Will & Testament in presence of us who at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

John Burns 

Nathan A. Stedman

Isaac Hall

Chatham County November Term 1848.
This certifies that the foregoing last will & Testament of John Burns was proven in open court by the oath of Nathan A. Stedman one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded - whereupon B. B. Burns & H. C. Burns, two of the Executors thereof made affidavit in open court & was qualified -
J. A. Stedman Clerk