

In the sacred name of God amens I William
Burns of the County of Chatham in the State of North Carolina
being of sound mind memory and disposition. Give to the
Almighty for the same, but knowing the uncertainty of life and
the certainty of death, do make declare and assign the my
last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all
former Wills, by me or for me made. Item To the Almighty
and Omnipotent being, I resign my soul in General & Strong hope
that his mercy will look over any transgressions, which I have com-
mitted in this life and will extend to promote my everlasting rest
in that which is to come. Secondly, To my eldest son John
Burns, I give and bequeath in fee forever, one tract or parcel of
Land, containing One Hundred and ^{Twenty} Acres more or less
whereon John W. Schuster now lives, called and known by the
name of the Reuben tract, lying and being in the County State
aforesaid. I also give unto him my son John, one Negro Woman
by name Diley with her Children that is with her which
my son John has had some time in possession of to him and
her heirs forever. I also give to him one Horse White Graded
which he has already received. Item To my Daughter Jane.
I give one Negro Girl by name Peggy with what children
she has with her, then and there hereafter to her my said daughter
her heirs and assigns forever. I also give to my daughter Jane
I give one Horse White and Graded, the said Jane has
had in possession a considerable time. Item To my son Abner
Burns, I give and bequeath in fee one tract or parcel of land
on which he now lives containing One Hundred & Thirty one Acres
more or less, the same was purchased of my son John the
purchaser of Cowara Brattleby, it lying & being in the
County State aforesaid. I also give unto my son Abner

one Negro Woman by name Nancy and her Children Jacky and
Sally to him and his Heirs forever. I also give to my son Alexander
the Horse Bridle and Saddle, the said Negroes, Land, Horse
Bridle and Saddle as here given to my said son Alexander is
already in his possession. I am. To my son John Burns I give
and bequeath in fee forever the Land and Plantation whereon
I now live at my death. I also give to him one Negro Man
named Ned. to him and his Heirs forever. I also give to him
(my son John) when he may want them one Horse Bridle &
Saddle, one Pea and Gunpowder, one bow and knife, one Saw
and Pigs and Two Cows & Lambs. I am. To my three grand
Children viz. Eliza Jane Nixie, Mary Nixie and William
Cato Nixie; I give one Negro Woman named Patsy and
her two Children, namely Sarah and Nancy with their increase
to remain in common stock until William Cato Nixie arrives
to the age of Twenty one years; and in case one should die the
property to go to the Two surviving ones, in case Two should die to
go to the one alive and in case they all should die the Property
then to be divided between and among my own Children or their
Heirs. It is also my desire that my son John do take charge
of and manage the above named Negroes, as given to my three
Grand Children, as a bond until the youngest one gets to be
twenty one years of age, he the said John to act as their
Tutor or Tutor in Law. I am. To Anderson Nixie it is my
desire he should receive from my Estate the sum of Five Dollars.

It is further more my Will and desire, that after my debts be
paid, that all the residue of my property except the Negroes
be sold and equally divided between my Children, namely
John Burns, Jane Mary, Alexander Burns and John Burns
or their Heirs. The Negroes I wish and it is my Will that
they should be divided among my own Children in the same

equitable manner; and if they cannot agree in the division they shall call in three of their respectable neighbors, who they will do it for them; which shall be binding when done. I wish it to be understood, that the Negroes here to be divided, between John Burns, Saml May, Abner Burns and Alvin Burns. Lastly I hereby nominate my three sons John Burns, Abner Burns and Alvin Burns, Executors to this my last Will and Testament; In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 28th day of May in the year of our Lord, One thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety two Signed sealed and attested

William Burns

In presence of -
William Tappan
Helen Tourlock

In the name of God amen. I Charles Penny of Chatham County and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form as follows (1st) Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lucia Sauls, one dollar to her and her heirs forever. Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my son Cepd Penny, one dollar to him and his heirs forever. Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter Eazy Pank the sum of one dollar to her and her heirs forever. Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my son Reuben Penny the Leather Bed and Furniture, two Cows and a Colts, one Blue Chest and ten Shillings in Cash to him and his heirs forever. Item 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Allen two Cows & Colts & ten Shillings to her and her heirs forever.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Penny one Horse and Bridle, two Cows and Colts, one Blue Chest one Feather Bed Furniture and ten Shillings to her and her heirs forever. Item 7th I give to my living Wife Sarah Penny the balance of my real and Personal Estate after paying my debts debts during her widowhood or life &c. Now it is my wish and desire for my estate to be equally divided amongst my Children, namely Lucia, Eazy, Reuben & Sarah and Elizabeth Allen. Therefore she retain unto my estate a Negro Girl, by the name of Aba Lindsay now in her possession but if the said Girl should die so that she cannot be returned in my Estate, then it is my wish and desire for my daughter Elizabeth Allen to have an equal Part with the rest of my Children &c. Lastly I nominate and appoint my son in law David Sauls Executor to this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 24th day of February One thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety two

In presence of us
Jesse an Holliman
Mr. Frank

Charles Penny
Helen May Spence 1820 by
Jesse an Holliman