

lifetime to be excepted and hereby make and ordain
my worthy friend James Williams Executor of this
my last will and testament in witness whereof
I the said Jesse Lenoir have to this my last will
and testament set my hand and seal the day and
year above written signed sealed, sealed, and published
and declared by the S^d Jesse Lenoir the testator
at his last will and testament in the presence of
us who was present at the time of signing thereof
Witness. James Williams. Holden ^{the} Lenoir.

State of N^c Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter session
Duplin County } May Term 1829.

Thus was the within will proved in open Court
in due form of law by the oath of James
Williams and Holden Lenoir the subscribing
witness thereto and at the same time Jas Williams
Esq. Disqualified as Executor to the same. Ordered that
Letters Issue

Test Jas Pearson Clk.

In the name of God Amen. I James Middleton Senr.
of the State of North Carolina and County of Duplin
being aged and sick but of sound mind and perfect
in memory calling to mind the uncertainty of
human life and knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die do make this my last
will and testament in manner and form following
that is to say. First I recommend my soul to
God that gave it me and my body to the ground
to have decent and Christian burial at the discretion
of my Executors hereafter to be named, and first as to
what worldly goods it hath pleased God to bless
me with. I dispose of in the following manner
and first my will and desire is that all my
just debts and funeral expenses be paid by Executors
as hereinafter directed. I imprint my will and desire
is that my beloved wife Mary Middleton do have

Quick and Reasonable possession of all my lands
and buildings in Duplin County S^d of the poor
Swamp during her natural life with the following
Exceptions viz: my son David is to have the use
and benefit of that part of the plantation S^d
of the Men Branch that is all that part before
the Lane as it now stands and down to the
S^d Davies line for the term of five years should
he the said David live so long without paying tax
or rent and the said David is to return the
plantation in good order as he received it. - Also
excepting the Barn field as the fences now run,
which is reserved to my son Robert Middleton and
half of the orchard. Item. I lend to my Beloved wife
during her natural life the use and labor of the
following Slaves viz: Sam. Ned, Amey, and Pegg and
at my wife's decease I will that the sd Slaves be
divided as follows viz: Amey is to be the property of
my daughter Sarah Nixon and the heirs of her
body forever, provided that should Amey have a child
or children before the death of my wife Sarah, same
to be equally the property of Sarah Nixon, Eliza Herring,
and Kelly Middleton my daughter and at my wife's
decease Pegg is to be the property of Eliza Herring and
Sam the property of Robert Middleton and Ned the
property David Middleton and of their heirs forever.
Also I lend to my wife a negro girl named Hester
and at my wife's death is to be the property of my
daughter Sarah Nixon and the heirs of her body
forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Mary Middleton all my stock of hogs that are in
my own Mark and likewise all my stock of Sheep
except the pay marks of two Siganis viz: to my son
Robert two ewes and lambs and to my daughter
Kelly two Ewes and lambs which are to be paid
to them by my Executor. - I also give to my wife three
Horses viz: Roebuck - Lightfoot and Jilly, a filly that
came of my mare named Fanny. I also give to my

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Witness James Williams, Holder ^{mark} Lamm.

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to them by my Executors. I also give to my wife three
Horses viz: Roanback, Lightfoot and Jolly, a filly that
came of my mare named Fanny. I also give to my

wife five cows and calves and one yoke of oxen and one ox chain and as many of the dry cattle as my Executors shall judge sufficient for the for her and the family support for two years. Also I give to my wife three acres one pair of hand mill stones nearly new during her natural life. &c. and then to be the property of my son Robert and of his heirs. I also give to my beloved wife three floun almost new viz. one Barr and two Floun also three of the best wedding hoes two grubbing hoes and two pair of Iron wedges which articles at her death is to be Equally divided among all my children. I also lend to my wife one wire sieve during her natural Life and at her death to be the property of my sons David and Robert and the Youngest Son of the two to have the said sieve Entirely. I also lend to my wife one new floun 'Frank' during her life and at her death to be the property of my son in law David Nixon. I also give to the S^c David Nixon my walking cane as a Testimony of my regard and Esteem for him. I also give to my wife one case and Bottle and three Quap hooks. I also lend her one ox cart during her life and at her death to be the property of my son Robert. I lend to my wife all my household furniture that is not already or hereafter taken away by this will to her during her lifetime that is now belonging to my dwelling House two sides and furniture she is to retain during Life and at her death to be divided to my son Robert and Daughter Kitty to each one but provided nevertheless that should my son Robert marry or go to home keeping before the death of his mother in such case he is to receive half dozen of wooden Chain, my small mahogany Table and my square pin Table all my barrels, Kegsheads and such Cooper ware to be Equally divided between my wife and sons David and Robert and all my pigs and two Demi Johnes to be valued and my son David to have

our third part the value in the pigs the balance to remain with my wife and Robert she retaining the Demi Johnes her Life time and at her death to be the property of my son Robert. I will and desire that all my kitchen furniture of every kind be divided between my wife and my son Robert and my Daughter Kitty and at my wifes death her part to be again divided between Robert and Kitty. I also will and desire that my Executors to put into the possession of my wifes son in law or heirs to remain with her stock untill my son Robert and Daughter Kitty arrive at Lawfull age or sooner marry and then they are to receive each two cows and calves out of the said cattle. Item I also will and desire that my Executors do out of the moneys now in hand Purchase three mahogany Tables the size of my smallest one or threeabouts, and when bought to deliver one to my son David one to my daughter Eliza Tarring and one to my daughter Kitty Middleton. Item I give and bequeath to my son David Middleton all the lands that I own or am possessed of in the County of New Hanover to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my son David Middleton the the following slaves viz. one negr man named Quash one negr man named Pompey one negr woman named Judy and one negr boy named varnish to him and his heirs forever. I also give to my son David Middleton our old pair of cast wheels Iron bound. I also give to my son David my set of blacksmith tools. Reserving to my wife and to my son Robert the Priviledge of getting their work done when they can get workmen to do it. also one old cross cut saw to my son David. and one new Whopaw jointly to my son David, son Robert and to my wife during Life. Item I give and bequeath to my son David Middleton my Rifle Gun and also my half in an old still between me and William Rigby Senr. Imprimus.

I give and bequeth to my son Robert Middleton all the lands that I possess at this time in my own Right in the County of Duplin. (with the exception of a part to David Middleton for five years and the dower before mentioned to my wife) to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeth to my son Robert Middleton the following slaves viz: One Negro man named Robt, One Negro Lad named Billy, One girl named Mily and one boy called Jack to him and his heirs forever. I also give to my son Robert one man called Dolly and one Horse Colt called Brokumar and one saddle and Saddle which the said Robert hath already recd. I also give and bequeth to my son Robert one feather bed and beadstead and his furniture on his arriving at Lawfull age or sooner Marrying also half a dozen of Quater plates two penters knives two penters bayons half dozen of spoons and half dozen of knives and forks to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeth to my son Robert Middleton one Copper still and worm. Reserving to my wife and son David the privilege of distilling therein their cyder or other stuff for Liquor when the said Robert is not using her in distilling her own fruit - they my wife and son David paying their proportion of the duty. I also give and bequeth to my son Robert all my Books of every kind of which I am possessed except the large Testament which I give to my daughter Kitty Middleton. I also give and bequeth to my son Robert my shot gun with the Copper Band Round the Britch as also my Carpenter and Cooper tools, the said tools to Remain on the plantation during my wife's Life time and she to have equal rights therein during her Lifetime as my son Robert. also my saw to remain in the S^d Possession of my wife during her Lifetime and then to be the property of my son Robert also one pair of old hand mill stones to remain in the the possession of my wife during her Lifetime and then to be the

property of my son Robert. Provided that should Robert Marry before his mother's death then said mill stones are to be at his disposal. - I also will and desire that my Carving Knife Remain on the plantation to be equally Roberts and Davids and the longest Liver of the two to have S^d Knife entire. To my son Robert I give one Case and Boddie two Ref Hooks and one Horse Cart which is to be equal to his mother during her life - also to Robert I give one Ban Hov and Fluke two axes, two grubbing hoes, two weeding hoes, two pair of Iron widges - also two pair of sleep shears to remain on the plantation for the equal Benefit of my wife as well as for my son Robert and at his death to be the property of my son Robert. Imprimus. - I give and bequeth to my daughter Sarah Nixon of Onslow County the following Slaves, viz: First Sarah and her two Children Jack and Miley and two girls viz: Elay and Chilera to her the said Sarah and to the heirs of her body and for the want of such at her death then the said negroes and their Increase to return to my other children or their Lawfull Representation to them and their heirs forever. Item. I also give and bequeth to my daughter Sarah Nixon aforesaid a certain mare a saddle and Saddle a bedstead a bed and furniture which she hath already received and all such articles and property of any kind which she hath hitherto received in her life confirmed to her and her heirs forever. - Imprimus. I give and bequeth to my daughter Eliza Heming the following slaves viz: Violet and her child Betty a girl called Little Sarah and Chlo and Jane and Selid. to her and the heirs of her body and for the want of such heirs at her death then the said negroes and their increase to return to my other children or their Lawfull Representation to them and their heirs forever. - Item. I give and bequeth to my daughter Eliza Heming a certain mare, saddle and Saddle, a bedstead a bed and furniture which she hath already

remains. And all the property of any kind whatever which she hath already Rec^d is hereby confirmed to her and to her heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Kitty Middleton the following slaves viz: a negro man named Tony a young wench called Nancy, a wench called Harriot and her child Edy and a boy called Lot to her and the heirs of her body and for the wants of such at her death then said Negroes are to return to my other children and their Lawfull Representatives to them and to their heirs forever. — I then I give and bequeath to my Daughter Kitty Middleton a mare that shall be worth Eighty Dollars — also a saddle and bridle which she hath already Received. Also a Bedstead a bed and furniture when of Lawfull age or married to be a bed of equal value with my others. I then I give and bequeath to my Daughter Kitty Middleton one half dozen of Pewter plates, two Pewter basons two Pewter dishes half dozen of spoons and half dozen of knives and forks to her and to her heirs forever. — I then I give and bequeath to my Grandson James Middleton son of David Middleton my writing desk to his property after my wife's decease to him and his heirs forever. I then I give and bequeath to my three Grandsons three hundred Dollars for the purpose of Educating my said Grandsons that is to say to my Grandson James Middleton one hundred Dollars to my Grandson James Nixon one hundred Dollars and to my Grandson Bright Middleton three hundred Dollars. and I do by these presents appoint my sons David Middleton and Robert Middleton to Receive the said three hundred Dollars and the same to put to interest until the said children shall in their apperience be of an age suitable to be put to school, at which time the said David and Robert are to apply the money to the Best advantage for the Benefit of said childrens Education at some school abroad from home as to the said trustees David and Robert may appear to be the Best.

I then I will and desire that my beloved wife Mary Middleton, My Daughter Sarah Nixon, my Daughter Ellenor Spring my Daughter in law Elizabeth Middleton and my Daughter Kelly Middleton shall each of them be entitled to receive from my Executors each of them the sum of Twenty Dollars to buy them a suit of mourning on account of my death but for no other purpose. — I then my will and desire is that my son David Middleton, my Daughter Sarah Nixon and my Daughter Ellenor Spring do each have another bed to what they have already Rec^d to be such as their mother shall judge Capable and Entirely to her opinion &c. I then I will and ordain that should my son Robert die under Lawfull age without Lawfull issue that the lands herein be gathered to him shall then be the property of my grandson James Middleton and of his heirs. But should the said James die under Lawfull age without Lawfull issue then the said lands to be the property of the next male heir of my son David Middleton and of his heirs forever. I then my will and desire is that all my stock of every kind and other estate in plantation tools or utensils together with any surplus Grain or Forage that is not already disposed of in this my will shall be sold by my Executors and the moneys arising therefrom together with such moneys as are in hand with all bonds, notes, accounts shall be equally divided between my wife and all my children. My Executors first retaining so much thereof as will pay my just debts and my funeral expences and the three hundred Dollars is mentioned to my three Grand children and a further legacy of two hundred Dollars to be paid to my Daughter Kitty when of Lawfull age or sooner if married and one hundred Dollars to my wife and daughters to purchase mourning or also to my Daughter in law. Lastly I nominate and appoint my son David Middleton and Robert Middleton and my friend Joseph Dickson Esq^r.

Executor to this my last will and Testament Signed sealed, published, and declared by the sd James Middleton to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the signing publishing and delivering thereof, this 4th day of September Anno Domini 1801. Joseph Gillispie, Peter Frederick Joseph Dickson.

James Middleton Seal

State of North Carolina

Duplin County } Proves and Records. Feby Term 1805. and Executors Qualifies.

Test W^m Dickson C.C.

In the name of God Amen the twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord 1761. I James Molten being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, Thanks be given unto God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all people once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following viz: I then first I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary Scott one Spin mollen and two shillings proclimation money. I then I give and bequeath to my son Jonathan Carr twenty shillings proclimation money. I then I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret four one Crown pot rack, one Brown hacket. I then I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Fanny four twenty shillings

Proclimation money. I then I give and bequeath to my daughter Minny Carr one feather bed and furniture, two Cows and colons, two sons and five shotters that I bought off Cannon Cason, one pewter dish, two pewter plates and one pewter milled basin one Living whal and my saddle and my Executors to get it New Cound. I then I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Carr whom I likewise constitute make and ordain my sole Executor of this my Last will and Testament all and singular my Land Messuages and Testaments by him freely to be possessed and enjoyed and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies and bequests and Executors by me in any way before named willed and bequeathed. Ratifying and confirming this and res others to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and year above written. Signed Sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said James Molten as his Last will and Testament in presence of Samuel Webster, Joshua Chesnut, Martha ^{his} _{mark} Chesnut.

James ^{his} _{mark} Molten Seal

In the name of God Amen. I John Molten of the State of North Carolina and County of Duplin being sick and weak in body, but sound in mind and memory, Calling to mind the uncertainty of Human Life & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following viz: First I recommend my soul to God that gave it me and my body to have decent and Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors hereafter to be named. 2^d I give and bequeath to my Father Abraham Molten my suit of black cloathes - and my silver Tea spoons to be equally divided between my