

shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching
worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life. I give and
dispose of in the manner following First my will and desire is that the land
and plantation whereon I now live be sold by Exs and that the money arising
from such sale be applied to the payment of my just debts, also all the rest of
my estate of what kind soever. I likewise desire may be sold by my
Exs such things as is hereafter thus is disposed of. Secondly. I give
and bequeath to my beloved wife Alice my black horse and one
feather bed and furniture and one spinning wheel, and my will
and desire is that whatever of my of my estate shall be left after
all my just debts paid be equally divided between my wife and
all my brothers and sisters. And I do hereby constitute and
appoint my brother John Clark my whole & sole Ex of this
my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal the day & year first above written
Signed sealed in presence of Thomas Gray Geo Frazier Michael
King Es

Archibald Clark Seal

The will of Archibald Clark was proved in open Court by
The oath of Thomas Gray.

State of north Carolina
Duplin County }

April Term

1788

Then was the within will proved in open court by the oath of Andrew
Thally one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at the same time
Catharine Cook and Robert Dickson the Ex named in said will
qualified as such & ordered that letters issue accordingly

William Dickson C. C.

North Carolina. Duplin County Feb 1 1788. I John Cook Sr
being weak in body but of sound mind and memory blessed be
God. Therefore and calling to mind that all men is appointed
to die do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament
hereby revoking all others. First I resign my body to the dust
from whence it came to be buried in a decent and christian
like manner at the discretion of my Exs hereafter to be mentioned
and my soul to God that gave it it not doubting but I shall
be raised up at the day of the resurrection and be lead into
glory through the merits of Jesus Christ my redeemer in whom
I trust. First. I give the plantation & land on which I now

John
Cook

live. to my two sons Henry Cook + Lewis Cook to be divided equally in value at the discretion of my Ex^{rs} So as the upper bridge where I now live shall be long. to Lewis Cook above mentioned name while my beloved wife Cathin Cook is to have pearable possession of the plantation where I now live during her natural life nevertheless if she think fits to live this County and not remain thereon the whole use of the plantation to belong to Lewis Cook my second son from as already mentioned. I also give and bequeath to my son John Cook one tract of land on Island Creek contain one hundred and fifty acres be the same man or less to him and his forever. I also give to my wife Cathin one gray mare name June and the use of the other whet the family remain together and having come to the age of twenty one then he to do with them as he may think fits remaining the remainder in of this the remainder of the huns hermay is also to have three two year old heifer and pay his part of the debt and manner I give and bequeath to my daughter many two cows + calfs and one two year old heifer and one bed + furniture already caused huss and no more the remainder of the cattle to belong to my wife and the use of my children namely Lewis + John Cook to be divided when so my Ex^{rs} may think best. I also give and bequeath to my wife + the children from Lewis + John Cook all my hogs house hold furniture and the plantations tools for their support and pay ments of debt and to be divided at what time and what manner they Ex^{rs} may think best so as to prevent any public sale of any part of my whole means my Ex^{rs} and lastly I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Cathin Cook and Robert Dickson Ex^{rs} my Ex^{rs} of this my last will + testament in witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand + fix my seal the day and date above written in the presence of of us Andrew Thally John Cook

John ^{his} Cook ~~Seal~~
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State of North Carolina
Duplin County

April Term 1818

John The within will was proved in open Court by the oath of
Grand Juror David Brock and Archibald Maywell two of the subscribing
witness thereto at the same time the Ex^{rs} therein named qualified
according to Law ordered that letters issue accordingly

Jas H. Dickson C. C.