

James Slater and Wife

State North Carolina

Halifax County;

In the of God Amen, I James Slater of the County and State aforesaid being at this time in a low state of Health but of sound and disposing mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of the Body do make oradin and publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following— Inprimis my Body I commit to the dust to be buried in a Christian manner, Truly, It is my will and desire that all my Just debts should be paid and that my Executors hereafter named should have full power to dispose of what ever part of my Estate either real or Personal as they may think proper for the purpose of discharging the same— 3^{rdly}, I give to my son Thomas Slater live Negroes and their future Increase by the names of Grace, Lewis, Lucy, Ashly & Isaac also I give to my said son Thomas five hundred pounds in money to be raised out of my Estate Also I give him two horses, 2 feather beds and furniture. Twenty Head of hogs & cattle 30 head of hogs, twelve sheep, the Hogg, cattle, sheep one feather bed and furniture and one horse he has already got in possession, the other bed & furniture and other Horse It is my desire he should have after my decease to him and his heirs forever— 11^{thly} I give and bequeath to my daughter Asension Barron one Negro Girl named Peg one wooden chair and Marys one horse bridle and Saddle some cattle Hogg & sheep all of which she has now got in possession Also I give to my said daughter Asension Barron two feather beds & furniture one of which she has now got in possession the other to be hers after my decease to her and her heirs forever— 12^{thly} I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Smith one Negro Girl named

and one riding Chair and I hereby one feather bed and furniture and some table
and shop the whole of which she has now already got in possession except
the riding Chair and harness which it is my desire she should have after
my decease to her and her heirs forever — I My, I give and bequeath to my
son David R. Statter one negro boy one horse bridle and saddle some feather
bed and furniture It is my desire that the Negro boy he has shall be that one
which he shall make choice of from amongst all my young Negroes to him
and his heirs forever I My, Now it is my will and desire that all the residue
of my Estate either real or personal or of what kind or quality so ever after
after the payment of my debts and the above legacies are taken out shall
be divided between my Children here named viz: Ursension Barrow, Elizabeth Smith
and David R. Statter in the following manner viz: my daughter Elizabeth
Smith son David R. Statter each to have the value of seven hundred Dollars
out of my Estate to make them equal with my daughter Ursension Barrow for
the value I am bound to pay Bennett Barrow which Land Bartholomew Barrow
already has a deed for and after my said daughter Elizabeth Smith and
son David R. Statter has received the above amount of seven hundred Dollars
each the residue then remaining to be equally divided between my Children
here named viz: Ursension Barrow, Elizabeth Smith & David R. Statter all to
have and share alike to them their heirs forever — I My, I do hereby
make ordain and appoint David Smith Bartholomew Barrow, David R. Statter

and Lewis Dicken my whole and sole Executors to this my last will
and Testament hereby disannulling all former ones and ratifying and confirm-
ing this to be my last In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this fifth day of April in the year our Lord one thousand seven
hundred and ninety nine —

Signed Sealed and published in presence of,

M^r Alsobrook ser^t John Young

Elizabeth ^{his} Alsobrook

Marsh

Halifax County N^c

Jas Staller 

My ~~Seal~~ 1799 Then this will
was exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the oath of John
Alsobrook sen^r one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered
to be Recorded whereupon David Smith Bartholomew Barrow & David R.
Staller three of the Executors there named came in & was duly qualified to
the same —


David R. Staller

In the Name of God Amen I John Marshall of the County of Halifax
and state of North Carolina being of sound disposing memory but knowing
from my age and indisposition that I cannot survive long in this world, in order
to prevent any dispute concerning the property with which I am possessed the

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