

My Testament will

30 In the Name of God Amen I the Merchant of Halifax County State of North Carolina being weak of Body but of sound mind & memory. Beget be God for the same to this 22nd Day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred zero make & publish this my last will & Testament in manner and form following — First my will & desire is that my Executors here after mentioned may sell at publick Sale two tracts of Land that I now possess one known by the Name of Lees place in Halifax County Containing one hundred and an thirty Acres and one other tract of Land in York County that I purchased of Richard Marshall Containing three hundred Acres to be sold on a Credit of Eighteen Months and I amflow my said Executors to make a good & lawful due to the purchaser — Item I have unto my beloved wife Lucy Burdwan the Land plantation I now live on with all my stock of every kind also all my household & kitchen furniture enduring her natural life or widowhood and if she should marry to be equally divided between her & my Children then living also my will & desire is that at her death she should not marry for it to be divided between my Children then living also my will & desire is that at her death if she should not marry for it to be divided between my Children also I have my wife Lucy all my Negroes Slaves which is six in the like manner as I have the rest of my furniture enduring her natural life or widowhood to the support of my here self & Children at her death my will & desire is that all my property of Negroes and their increase may be equally divided between my Children then living — Item my will & desire is that the money arising from the sale of my Land as above directed may be kept on Interest untill the death or marriage of my wife then to be equally divided Equally between my living Children —

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desire is that at her death she should not marry for it to be divided between
my Children her being also my will & desire is that at her death if she should
not marry for it to be divided between my Children also I and my wife Lucy
all my Negroes Slaves which is six in the like manner as I have the rest of my property
including her natural life or widowhood in the support of my true self & Children
at her death my will & desire is that all my property of Negroes and their increase
may be Equally divided between my Children then living —————
Then my will & desire is that the money arising from the sale of my Land as
above Directed may be held on Interest untill the death or Marriage of my
wife then to be equally divided Equally between my living Children —————
Lastly I constitute & appoint John Stewart my beloved wife Lucy Stewart & my son John Stewart both being my Executors to this my
last will & Testament, In testimony hereof I have ~~hereby~~ signed my hand & seal
the Day & Date first above written signed sealed in the presence of us —————

James Judge
Andrew Stewart
Nathaniel Cady Jr.

John Stewart

February 28th 1802 Then this will was Exhibited in Open Court
and duly proved by the Oath of James Judge a witness thereto and on motion
ordered to be Recorded whereupon John Stewart, Lucy Stewart & the Ex-
& Executors therein named came in & was duly qualified thereto

Witness
James Judge