

67. In the Name of God Amen, I John Alston of
Halifax County Being Very Sick and Weak But of Sound
Mind and Disposing Memory Do make and Ordain this my
Last will and Testament in Manner & form following that
is to say: - first of all I Recommend & bestow my soul
to Almighty God & my body to be Buried in a Christian
Like Manner at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter
to be Named.

Secondly I Give & Bequeath unto my beloved Wife Ann Hunt
Alston During her Natural Life four Hundred Acres of
Land that I had of Willis Alston known by the Name
of the Old Mill & After her Decease to Go to my Beloved
Son Robt. West Alston his heirs & assigns for Ever.

Also I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Wife the following
Negroes (to w^t) Old Gibb. Harry. Friedrich. Isom. Cress.
Hagar. Honey and their Increase, to her ^{Full} heirs & -
assigns for Ever also Old Judah.

Thirdly I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Son John
Alston Twelve Hundred Acres of Land on the Gum Swamp
Including his plantation. as far as my Old corner being
part of tract formerly Dawsons. Leaving Out four Hundred

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part of tract formerly Dawsons. Leaving out four Hundred
Acres on the Honey Branch for my son Willis the above
twelve Hundred to him & his heirs & assigns for ever.
I also Give & bequeath to my S. Son S. M. Alston Eight Negroes.
Viz. Lucy. Davy. Darby. Stephen. Annica. Little Mary Ann.
Little Amey. & Ben Buck & their Increase to him his
heirs & assigns for ever. Also one Breeding Mare Cal. Chuc-
khead. also one Bread & Furniture & all the Stock on his
plantation with the one young Man & a bay horse now in
his possession. also the Law year Colt for ever.
Then I Give & bequeath unto my beloved son Jason Alston
Eight Hundred Acres of Land more or less. Including all the
Land on the South Side of Fishing Creek. & Down in to the
fork of Rudy Creek. to him & his heirs & assigns for ever.
Also seven Negroes Viz. Nead. Little Leroy. Matthew. Lydia
Lettie. Siller. Beck. with their Increase. to him & his heirs & assigns.
for ever also one bread & Furniture. also all the Stock of Cattle
& hogs on his plantation with four head of Horses Viz. Daniel
Boddy. flaxen. & Polley Harper

68. Item I Give & bequeath unto my Beloved son Willis Alston
the Tract of Land Wheron I Now Live on the North side of
Fishing Creek. Including three Hundred Acres Joining the
Same known by the Name of the Round Meadow the
Other with four hundred Acres on the piny branch.
Mentioned before out of Dawson Tract. To him and
his heirs & assigns for ever. Also six Negroes viz. Joe. Lobian
Bob. Hammah. Ben. Dinah. with their Increase. To him
& his heirs & assigns for ever. Also I Give unto my son. Will-
Alston One head of Furniture. & three head of Horses viz
Smelling Mare & Colt. and one Sorrell Colt. together with
five Horses & Calves. out of the stock I have at home
Item. I Give & bequeath unto my beloved son Rob^t. West-
Alston. Six Hundred Acres of Land on Butterwood joining
the Land I Left my wife. as Also the four Hundred Acres
Given to my Wife. After her Decease to him & his heirs & assigns
for ever. Also seven Negroes viz. Jude. Ned. Lucey. Fanny.
Litt. Peggy. Furey. & Peter to him & his heirs & assigns for

Little Aggay. Furey. & Peter to him Whiskind. Vapign
ever also one bed & Furniture. also One Mare & Colt call
Roxan.

Them. I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Phebe
Jones Alston. four Negroes viz. Patte, Redick. Charity.
& Betty. to her & her heirs & assigns for ever also. One bed
and Furniture

Them. I Give & bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Anne
Hunt Alston. four Negroes. viz. Suker. Penny. Jemmy. &
Charney. to her & her heirs & assigns forever also One Bed
and Furniture.

Them I Will and Desire that my Executors Hereafter named
shall sell & Dispose. of the Eight Hundred Acres of Land
I own. in Chatham County. as also all the Land that falls
by Law. to me out of my Father's Estate. in the same County
for the most that can be got for them allowing a Reason-
able Time of Credit & the Money. arising therefrom to be
applied to wards paying my Just Debts particularly Archibald
Hamilton. Andrew Miller, & Robert Turnbull. and any

69 Other Just Debt that may hereafter Appear & the
Overplus Arising from the S^d Sale to be Given to my
son Willis Except fifty pounds which I leave to Elizabeth
Chancy Sawell to buy her a little Negro, and I do hereby
Impower Any two of my Executors hereafter Named to make
Good & Sufficient Deeds to the purchaser in fee Simple for
the said Land -

Item I Give to my beloved wife all the Residue of my Estate
Not all ready Given Away consisting of Stock of all Kind
Household Furniture Plantation Tools &c. Except my Out
standing Debts which I will & Desire may be collected
by my Executors & Applied to wards paying my Debts.
Particularly the Debt Due Mr. Harvey & the Title of the
Land to be made to my son Robert West. And my Will &
Desire is that if my son Rob^t West. Die before Lawfull Age
or Lawfull Issue that this Land be Equally Divided between
his then Living Brothers & his Negroes Divided between his then
Living Sisters. & in case no Sisters ^{then} Living to be Divided
between his then Living Brothers, & if Either of my Daughters
Die before Lawfull Age &c.

between his then Living Brothers, & if either of my Daughters
Die before Lawful Age, or Marry her part to go to my
Living Daughter - And Lastly I do nominate &
Constitute & Appoint my beloved Wife Guardian to my
three youngest Children. viz Priscilla Jones, Anne Hunt
& Robert West Alston -

And my three Beloved friends John Hawkins, Junr.
James Johnson, & Nathl. Mason my Executors of this
my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have
Healed signed & pronounced this the fifteenth Day of
April 1784

In presence of Mr. Johnson
Jas. Connor Williams Jr. Mary & Carstaphan Jr.
March

John Alston

Volap County Jt. Aug. Court 1785 Then this Will was
Ed. & Duly proved in Open Court by the Oath of Jas. Connor
Williams & Mary Carstaphan two of the Subscribing Witnesses who
their Oaths did say that they saw the Testator sign Seal Publish
& Declare this to be his Last Will & Testament & that at the time of
signing the same he was of sound mind & memory & on Motion
Ordered to be Recorded Test Wm. Wooten, Ct.