

In the Name of God Amen, I Jacob Durden of Hyde
County Being of sound mind and Memory But knowing that
it is appointed for all Men to die &c. do make this my last will
and Testament &c. I give unto my Beloved wife Rachel
Durden one farthing Bed and furniture and all the Property that
I had by her like wise one Chair to her and her heirs forever
I give unto my wife one Lin. G and one Woollen wheel Loom
and gun Item I give unto my Son David Durden all
my Lands and Plantation whereon I now live to him and
his heirs for ever likewise I give unto my Son David Durden
all my horses and Carriagued one Bed and furniture also
all my plows hoes Axes and Carpenter tools &c. to him and his
heirs for ever Item I give to my Daughter Retha Durden one bed
and furniture one cow and half one cow and lamb to her
and her heirs for ever also I give unto my Daughter Retha
Durden one Lin. g wheel &c. Item I give unto my Son Elasha
Durden one Bed and Bolster to him his heirs & assigns forever
Item I give unto my Son Jacob Durden five Shilling Specie and
no more or of my Estate he has had a Bed &c already.
Item I give unto my Daughter Lie. e Windell her Mother & her
and no more of my Estate as she had had her part before
Item I give all the rest of my Estate not before given meaning my
Cattle Hogs Sheep &c. to be Equally Divided Between my wife
Rachel Durden and my Son David Durden to them and their
Heirs forever Excepting my Saddle bridle and Gun, Item I
give unto my Son David Durden and his Heirs forever
Lastly I Nominate and appoint my Son David Durden and
my Brother John Stachwell Executors to this my last will and
Instrument Revoking all other Wills by me made &c.
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal the 15th day of September 1785

Jacob Durden Test:
 Samuel Mandrell
 Benjamin Hollowell }
 Elipha Gurganus }

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This Last Will and Testament of Jacob Durden dec'd.
was exhibited into Court and proved by the oaths of Samuel
Mandrell and Benjamin Hollowell who was subscribing
witness swore that they believed that the Testator was of a sound
disposing mind and memory at the Executing of the same

Ordered to be Recorded

Test Benj. Norman att

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R. D. Harris esq.

In the Name of God Amen. I John Allen of the County of
Hyde State of North Carolina being very weak in body but
of perfect mind and Memory thanks be to God Calling to
mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is
appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain
this my last Will and Testament viz. Principally and first of all
I give and Bequeath Recommand my Soul into the hands of
Almighty God that gave it me and my body I recommend to the
Earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion
of my Executor. Nothing doubting but that at the General Resurrection
I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and
Touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God
to bless me with in this Life I give devise and dispose of
the same in the following manner and form. First
I give and Bequeath to my wife beloved wife Hannah
Allen the House I now dwell in during her widowhood and
ground now cleared to make her bread with the privilege
of the Plantation during her widowhood and one third
of all my Movable during her widowhood also I give my Grand
daughter Sally Allen one English Shilling to be her full part
of my Estate. I give to my Grand son Zekariah Allen twenty
Shillings to be his full part of my Estate
I give to my grand daughter Ann Smith twenty Shillings to be
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