

The Last will and Testament of M^r James Cleaves after
Recommending my soul to God who gave it me and my body to be
Buried in a Christian like manner in the name of God, make
this my last will and Testament. I bequeath unto my beloved wife
Lydia Cleaves during her natural life my house and plantation
I would will an slave of all in circumstances.

Item I give unto my wife one Horse Bridle and Saddle and two further
beds & furniture and all my Table and one desk and all the
Cattle that are in my proper name and also one half of my
Pottery and two head of Sheep now running on my place and
and three sows and five head of small hogs which are
at the upper end of my plantation all these for her to
Dispose of at her will and pleasure.

Item I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Cleaves all my Cattle that
are in her care and is on Record to be and her hire for ever
and all the remaining part of my personal Property here
to be sold to the best advantage I say all that part that is not
will be away. I leave one negro man named Love for the use
of my Daughter Elizabeth Cleaves to be Disposed of by my executors
for the Education and maintenance of her as they think proper
and if the Negro should misbehave the executors is to sell him and
purchase another for the same use.

Item I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Cleaves my land Lying
in Smiths Creek that I purchased of George Casper and she
and her heirs forever. First it is the favor of my Executors
to make over a deed to the heirs of William Wade deceased a
piece of Land Lying up at Hillin Creek and I also have a
small piece more joining the same to be sold by my executors
to the best advantage or as they think proper. I leave my wife
Lydia Cleaves and my Brother John Cleaves Executors to this
my Last will in Witness whereof I have unto set my hand
and seal this 10th day of January 1785.

Witness

John Russell

Hosea Jordan

James Cleaves

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May Term 1785
The Last will and Testament of James Cleaves Deceased Exhibited
into Court and proved by the oath of John Russell one of the sub-
scribing witnesses to the same ordered to be Recorded
Test Ben. Forman C^lk

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J. D. Harris C^lk

State of North Carolina In the name of God amen Sarah Collins
Hills County So the State and County aforesaid being
sick but of a sound & perfect mind and memory blessed be
God do this nineteenth day of December in the year of our Lord
one thousand seven hundred and ninety four make
and publish this my last will and Testament in
manner following that is to say

First I give and bequeath to my Daughter Margaret Smith
Collins one hundred acres of Land situate to me by my
husband Henry Collins one dead and one braupat two further beds
& furniture and one silver Spoon & silver tongs
one Christ my will and desire is that the above mentioned
articles may not be sold but to be kept by her friends till
she arrives to the age of Eighteen years old.

Also I give and bequeath to my Daughter Margaret Smith Collins
all the rest of my Estate Consisting of Household furniture
of every kind and all my stock of Cattle hogs and horses &c.
to her and her heirs forever Lawfully begotten of her body
and if she should die without and I am or long full heir
then my will is that James barrow should have one bed
and furniture one Table and one Christ and all the rest
of my property I leave to Thomas Wilkins to him and his heirs
forever

Lastly I hereby make and ordain my worthy friends
Thomas Wilkins and Ben. Forman my Executors
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