

In the name of God Amen I Matthew Clendering in the County
of Fredell & State of North Carolina being not well in bodily Health
but of perfect Understanding considering the uncertain Continuance
of Life & the many Hazards & danger that it is Obnoxious to I being desirous
to leave that small estate & fortune, Which God Almighty has been
Pleased to bless me with, in my former, with as much peace and
Union as may be, & that I may have nothing of this transitory World, or
the Intanglements thereof, to incumber my thoughts & Contemplations with
at my going out of it, but to think & meditate of the next world, & inestimable
Blessings & Comforts that are to be enjoyed, I do make this my last will &
testament in manner following, hereby revoking all former Wills by me
made, & first I resign my soul to the Great & most merciful God that
made it, in hopes thro' the alone merits of my blessed Lord & Savior
Jesus Christ, to have a Joyfull Resurrection to life eternal in heaven
And my body I Comitt to the Grave to be decently entered, at the discretion
of my Executors. as for my temporal Estate & Goods I give devise &
dispose of the same as followeth.

Imprimis, I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Wife Martha my
one mare of my present Stock that she chooses, & two Cows I likewise
her own choice, & her bed & furniture belonging therunto, & all the dresser
furniture, & her living of the plantation while she remains my Widow
Next I Give & bequeath unto my beloved son Matthew, a tract of
Land which I now live on containing Three hundred & twenty acres & One
Waggon & Hears, & all my farming utensils, & all the residue of my
Stock of Horses, Cows, sheep & hogs, By the s^d. Matthew giving unto my
son James Eldest son Matthew a Bay horse colt with a Beld price now
about a month old, & twenty pounds to be paid in Cash.

And Matthew is also to pay unto Martha Fleming Daughter of Jas^s. Fleming
the sum of Ten pounds in Cash.

I unto Martha Lesley Daughter of James Lesley the sum of Ten pounds
in Cash. — the money not to be paid to the two girls until they come of age
(Also I Give & bequeath unto son Jas^s. my big bible at my Wifes Death

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which she is to have as long as she lives & then to be given up to him
 Also I do ordain & appoint Martha Clendening my Wife Executrix
 & Jas. Woods Executor to this my last will & testament. In Witness
 Whereof I the said Martha Clendening have hereunto set my hand
 & Seal this Eleventh Day of May 1801 Sealed Delivered & Declared by the
 testator in presence of us
 David Crawford Jurat
 Jacob Crowder
 Elizabeth Crawford Jurat

Martha Clendening

In the name of god Amen

I Richard Cook of the County of Fredell & State of North Carolina mindful
 of that Mortality commeth to all men & being of sound mind & memory
 on this the fifth day of Aprile in the year eighteen hundred make certain & publish
 in this my last will & testament in manner & form following.

In the first place, to my beloved Wife Lucy I give for her use during her natural Life
 or Widowhood the sole use & benefit of my Plantation on Rocky Brook on which I now
 live & All my negroes, Mill, Farming utensils, Waggons, Crockery &c. &c. my 2^d Wife I
 give & bequeath Absolutely to be at her disposal at ^{her} Death the Negroes following
 Deliah the Children, Nancy & Mary Sal & her Children Tab Hannah little Jack
 Ned, Mabel, Violet & the Children they or any of them may hereafter have.

My Stock of horses, Cattle, Sheep & Hogs I Give to the use of my 1st Wife Lucy so
 far as she may choose to keep on the plantation giving to her & my other Executors
 the power to Sell or dispose of any number she may not choose to keep & the money
 arising therefrom to be reserved till the death of my wife & then by her divided as hereafter
 directed. My money debts & every thing of the kind I allow to be kept by my Executors in