

In the name of God, Amen.

I William Stevenson, Senior, of the State of North Carolina & County of Iredell, being at present in my ordinary state of health of mind & of Memory thank be to God for it: Calling to Mind the Mortality of our Bodies that it is appointed for all men once to die for that all have Souls to make this & ordain it: me no other way to for by me made to be my last Will & Testament: I first of all I commit my Soul to God who gave it to me & my Body to the Dust to be Buried in a decent manner at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter mentioned, nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again at the last Day by the Power of almighty God: & for such earthly things as it hath pleased God to endow me with I dispose of them in the following manner: and first of all I allow all my lawful Debts to be ^{fully} discharged. Second, I leave to my loving Wife Mary one Tex & one named Betty to be at her own disposal during life & at her death also if alone till then also to the Negro Wench named Ania to be at her disposal during the life of my Wife & after that if the said Ania be alive to go as I shall direct I also leave to her her own set of all the Beds we own with full furniture thereunto belonging also her own Cloaths course & fine also her own Choice of all the Horse Creatures we then shall possess & of her own Saddle & Bridle also a choice of her Cattle as far as two cows & calves I also leave her in full possession of the House I now live in while she remains my Widow also the use of my Downy Bedding & other necessary Houses thereunto belonging with the three

part of my Plantation I reserve on clear unclean with
the use of my Stock, Horses, Cows, Sheep & Hogs, with all
labouring Instruments, necessary for labouring, also the plan-
tation except the negroes hereafter to be made, also the Negro
Man named Harry, during her Widowhood to be under
her discretion to labour for the family, if my dear Wife
does not chuse to live in her present habitation but
would chuse rather to go to live with some other of her
Children she may take with her the Menches named, Harry
& what Stock she pleases, to labour for her & themselves.
3^d I leave to my Son Moses the whole of the Pla-
ntation I now live on, which contains 333 Acres
after my Wife is served of it, & two parts of it clear &
unclear till then, I also allow to him after my
Wife is done with them all the Instruments, of
labouring too to be longed to the Plantation the
present Wagon excepted, the remaining at that time of
Cattle Hogs & such I allow for his use also, & Household
furniture of all kinds except Beds & Books I bequeath
to him. I also allow him my big House Bible & Hyman &
Balm Book with my set in union Library.

I have I bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth
McKenzie the forementioned ^{black} Dind when my Wife
is done with her to whom she is now left her with all
her breed till then if any there be to be her said. McKenzies
are till that time come she is ^{now} possessed of a Negro Boy
named Jack that is to fill her room unto delivered to
her if death should prevent Jack is to continue ^{in her} as
as her own property. but if Dind is delivered afore
Jack is turned & disposed of as hereafter directed.

5th I have I bequeath to William Stevenson Son of

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John Stevenson, on the 14th of Acres of Land lying on
 the waters of Third Creek near Steeles rail being part of a
 Tract given by me to my Son Robert Stevenson & by him
 exchanged to his Brother James, the said 100 Acres be-
 ing on the East end of said Tract beginning at a Black
 Oak Sapling, George Robinson's North-East Corner of a
 piece of the said Tract he bought of said James Stev-
 enson, from thence East to a Post Oak Sapling being
 the original East Corner of said Tract, but now being cut
 down unknowing, by the cutter is ^{now} supplied by a large
 standing ~~stone~~ set up by & before many witnesses, for that
 purpose from thence South to a Spanish Oak joining
 William Simonton, Esq^r. thence West with said Sim-
 onton's till a Post Oak Sapling on said line George
 Robinson's South East Corner thence North with said
 Robinson's line to the beginning: & if said William
 should not live to possess it it is to pass to the next
 Male in the family till possessed—

6th I leave to Mary Stevenson John Stevenson's eldest
 Daughter one Mare known by the names of the Serr-
 al. Mare's belt— 7th I leave to my Son John Stev-
 enson the Wagon I am now possessed of but no Guns—
 8. I also leave to my Son William Stevenson all my
 Cloathes that I am possessed of both Coarse & fine
 9. I do leave & bequeath to Wm. Stevenson ~~Shadrach~~ one
 Hundred Dollars to payd to him out of my estate
 together with my full Wagon Bible to be given to him
 also. 10th My Books not already mentioned I allow
 to be divided amongst my Children at the discretion
 of my Executors. 11th The remainder of my estate not y^t
 bequeathed I allow to be put to public Sale to sell
 the two Negroes, Harry & Jack if David be so releas-
 ed Jack if not Harry, only to be sold also what the

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may remain together with whatever Reading
may then remain as the Property of the Estate, all
to be sold, & the whole Estate, or the amount of it
after all demands are cleared off to be Equally am-
ongst my Children. Male & Female

Last of all I appoint my Sons John, William
& Robert Stevenson to be the Executors of this
my last Will & Testament: And in Witness of
my Execution with what is herein contained I have
humbly set my hand and seal this 15th day
of March 1800

Witnessed with my hand
and sealed with my seal
in presence of us

James Sloan

William Stevenson (Seal)

Miss Mattheys

John Matthews