

July 1<sup>st</sup> Sessions 1825

In the name of God Amen.

I Daniel Gifford of Lincoln County and State  
of North Carolina do make my last will and  
testament (that is to say after all my "last will and  
testament" are paid) I give and bequeath to my beloved  
wife Nancy Gifford my house and plantation  
in which I now live together with one black man  
named Stephen and also two houses and working  
and also two cows to myself and enjoy as her  
and together with the house property so long as  
she natural life or widowhood. And this is my  
desire after my death that all the property not  
inherited in the above gift to my wife should  
be sold at public sale and the money arising  
therefrom put to interest till my youngest  
child comes to age (and that no stipulation sign  
be sold or given away on the day of sale  
I give and bequeath to my son James Gifford  
hundred & fifty dollars which I paid for him  
to John Butler in Charlotte

I give and bequeath to my son James Gifford  
my watch one hundred dollars to be paid  
him out of the residue money.

I give and bequeath to my son Henry Albany  
two hundred and fifty dollars a note I paid  
for a tract of land he bought of John Duncan  
I give & bequeath to my son Worthy Albany one  
hundred dollars to be paid him out of the residue money.

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Also one house to be worth fifty dollars when  
the executors of age also a buckl

After my death and my wife's death I give &  
bequeath to my three youngest sons that is to say  
Henry, Ephraim, William & myself I Fletcher  
affixing two hundred & forty acres of land the  
plantation on which I now live to the said  
sons and likewise I give to the above three youngest  
sons each other tract of land known as my former  
laird joining William's land & the property  
being one hundred & thirteen acres more or less which  
I intend to be equally divided between the three  
youngest sons to have & to hold in equal

And after the death of myself & wife I give & bequeath  
to my three daughters & their husbands Martha Fletcher  
Sarah, Susanna & Fletcher and Dolly Coopers  
all the house hold property then belonging in the  
house by excepting my books & my wife's riding saddle  
she will dispose of her saddle as she thinks proper to  
be divided equally among the three daughters such  
as books & furniture, beams, tables, black chairs, chests  
table & kitchen furniture. I give & bequeath all my boy  
to be equally divided among his seven sons, Henry, James, H.  
Wm., Shelly, Hinman, Fletcher, S. Fletcher. This my last  
will & testament if there be any man, woman & child  
of, let it be divided equally among them. my daughters  
in order this my last will may be satisfied by performing before  
paying any sum Henry & my good son & daughter Fletcher  
Executive. Henry, shall be the executor of this present will as  
Same is affixed.

Daniel Fletcher Esq.  
Hinman & Fletcher Junr. & Fletcher Esq.  
& Henry Fletcher Esq. his son.