

- so I the undersigned of Mecklenburg County in N^c Carolina
Minister of the Gospel being weak in body but of sound & perfect
mind & memory blessed be God for the same calling to mind the un-
certainly of my time in this transitory world & that it is appointed for
all men once to die; Do make & ordain this my last will & testa-
ment in manner & form following that is to say I recommend
my Soul & Body to God that gave it—As to what worldly goods
that God bestowed upon me I dispose of as follows—
- Item, I order that my Just debts & General expenses be paid & discharged by
my Executors hereafter named
- Item, I order that it is my will that my well beloved wife Jane Craighead
shall enjoy & possess the benefit of my plantation where I now live
and my plantation upon Longcreek & the whole of it thereof and
likewise the use & benefit of all the negroes I now possess for the so-
port of my family during the time she bears my name—
- Item, I give & bequeath unto my Eldest daughter Margaret five hundred
pounds current money to be delivered five years after my decease—
- Item, I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary five hundred pounds
current money to be delivered five years after my decease—
- Item, I give & bequeath unto my daughter Jane sixty pounds current money
on one Negro which my Executors shall see fit in most convenient
to give besides Horse Saddle & Bridle, bed & C^o furniture which
is to be delivered as soon as convenient after her marriage—
- Item, I give & bequeath the same to each of my other daughters
Rachel, Mary & Elizabeth to be delivered agreeable to the
same manner as above to my Daughter Jane—
- Item, I give & bequeath to my sons Robert & Thomas and George being be-
neath 21 years of age a common house that is used in the family
- Item, I order that it is my will that my land in Augusta County Virginia
containing by estimation 310 & my land in Fishing Creek in
County containing by estimation 500 be sold as soon as convenient

will permit -

Item. I Order & it is my will that my two sons Robert & Thomas shall be kept at Learning till the attain to to best learning that can be had in these parts -

To the discharge of the above particulars

Item I Order & it is my will that notwithstanding of what is said above concerning lands I agree that it not to be understood but that my Executors if they see it necessary, in the discharging the above particulars the authority empowered to sell & make sufficient title to the purchasers of any part thereof

Item. I Order & it is my will that my Executors be fully empowered to make sufficient title or conveyance to the above mentioned tracts of lands

Item I Order & it is my will that if my beloved wife shall change her mind that shall have her dower or third as the law directeth of the contents in my name during her natural life she is fully to enjoy what I Order above, at her death what remains of lands & goods or what else shall be equally among my children

Item. I nominate & appoint my said loving wife Jane Craighead & John Davis of this county to be my Executors of this my last Will & Testament, and lastly I do annul & make void all former wills & Testaments by me made whether in word or writing, & declare this only to be my last Will & Testament in writing whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this ninth day of April one Thousand seven hundred & Sixty, five -

Signed sealed pronounced & declared by the said Alexander Craighead to be his last Will & Testament in the presence of us -

William Orr
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William Orr

Alexander Craighead

ss Be the name of God Amen. I, Samuel Crowden being very sick but of perfect mind & memory, Do hereby make this my last Will & Testament in full of all my worldly estate to be paid, together