

my son John S. Cheek now am in
control of all negroes and their increase
until it may be necessary to have them
divided amongst the legatees
and lastly I make and ordain my son
John S. Cheek my lawful executor to this
my last will and testament in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand
seal this the 1st day of November in
the year 1833.

and in the presence of us

Hugh McDowell
F.J. Watson

^{in handwriting}
Mary mark

In the name of God Amen
I Alexander Carter Seal of the county
of Mecklenburg and State of North
Carolina being weak of body and feeble
advanced in years but of sound
mind and memory and considering
the uncertainty of this mortal life
and desirous as much as in me
lie to prevent all causes funds
and direction among my heirs do make
and publish this my last will and
testament in manner and form
as follows (Witnessed)
first I will and direct that all my
just debts together with my funeral
expenses be paid by my executors in
so far as practicable and as to the
remainder of the substance or worldly
property wherewithal it has

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pleased good to leave upon me

I dispose of it as follows
To my very son James Porter, Whereas,
I think and believe that according
to my circumstances and in Justice
to my other children I have to fore
divided off my property as libellly
as the above circumstance will justify
I now bequeath to him and his heirs^{of}
one dollar to be paid to him "by my
executors and by those present"
Ratify and confirm to him the right
and title to what ever property I have
heretofore given him

To "my Grandson Alexander Porter son
of the above James, porter I will
and bequeath ~~20~~ dollars to be paid
to him by my executors . . .

To my Son Alexander Porter I have
giving him one hundred and thirty
Acres of land and a deed for the
same I now will and bequeath to him
to him and his heirs the horse saddle
and Bridle White which I have to him
given and standing at the time

Also to my son William Porter having
giving one hundred and thirty acres
of land and a little for the same
I now will and bequeath to him and his
heirs the right and title of a black
cow and calf which as before give him
my daughter Elizabeth having first
I confirm to him Joseph Henry his hands

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pleased good to be now apprised
I dispose of it as follows
To my my son James porter, Whereas
I think and believe that according
to my circumstances and in Justice
to my other children I have to fore
divided off my property as libellly
as the above circumstance will justify
I now bequeath to him and his heirs
one dollar to be paid to him by my
executors and by those present
ratify and confirm to him the right
and title to what ever property I have
heretofore given him

To my son Alexander porter and
of the above James porter I will
and bequeath ~~One~~ dollars to be paid
to him by my executors

To my son Alexander porter having
giving him one hundred and thirty
Acres of land and a Deed for the
same I now will and bequeath to him
to him and his heirs the horse saddle
and Bridle which I have to give
you man and money and to you

Also to my son William porter having
giving one hundred and thirty acres
of land and a little for the same
I now will and bequeath to him and his
forever the right and title of a black
horse and colt which aforesay give him
my daughter Elizabeth having first
I confirm to him Joseph Henry husband

of the above Elizabeth for the use of
my daughter ~~Elizabet~~^{the} the right to sell the
property which I therefore give to my
daughter Elizabeth.

To my grandson Alexander R. Menz
son of my daughter Elizabeth I give
and bequeath Ten dollars to be paid by
my executors to him And as to my daughter
~~Jane Marshall~~ having given her what
in my judgment appeared right I
now will and bequeath to her and her
husband James Marshall and their
heirs forever one dollar and by these
presentes I confirm the right and title to
what ever property I have aforesaid
given them

To my grand son Alexander Pickarson
son of the aforesaid James Marshall I give
and bequeath to him and his heirs forever
Ten dollars to be paid to him by my
executors to him to my Daughter ~~Elizabeth~~
Parker I give and bequeath my gray horse
Twilight her saddle and bridle, my negro
boy Tuck also a beaver or chest of
drawers he has and all its furniture, the
one half of my cupboard & Kitchen furniture
her spinning wheel and cards

To My Daughters Sarah Parker I give and
Bequeath my negro Boy Sam, my doocal mare
her saddle, etc and its furniture the
one half of cupboard and Kitchen
furniture her spinning wheel and cards
also her beaver or chest of drawers

also to my two daughters Margaret
 & Sarah I give and bequeath the use of
 my dwelling house with all the out house
 that they may think proper to use as
 I grant them either of them live single
 or unmarried or during their natural lives
 also the use of part of the slaves
 land on my plantation as they think
 proper to cultivate with the privilege
 to clear more if they think proper after
 the use of timber, as long as they remain
 single or unmarried or think proper
 to live on the plantation -- -- --
 To my two sons Alexander and William
 Parker I will and bequeath the plantation
 on which I now live to be equally divided
 between them ~~according~~^{as far as} to quality and
 quantity share alike with the members
 of my two daughters Margaret and Sarah
 before mentioned And my will is that they
 may have the land divided as soon as
 convenient so that they may improve
 on it if they think proper so as not to
 interfere with the right in my two daugh-
 ter before mentioned and set them joint
 to do modify and confirm s. them and
 their heirs forever the right in me...
 when this passed over them

To my two sons after me William
 will and bequeath my negro Jack and
 any if they can agree on a division
 on a division otherwise to be sold
 and then pruse equally divided when the

And as to the remainder of my personal property I will and bequeath my executors to put it up to public sale & except my books which I allow my executors to sell between Alexander and William Porter and Margaret and our Sarah Porter my son and daughter Except my large house Bille and my large library which I will and bequeath to my son James Porter

and my will further is that if there shall be any ~~money left after~~ paying my just debts and shewing a monyment stone for my wife and myself that it shall be equally divided between my children the ~~two~~ mentioned at the date above and I do by these presents constitute and appoint my much esteemed friend Bob Samuel Keel and my son James Porter executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made to witness whereof I have set my hand seal this 27th day of July A.D. 1824

Signed and sealed published and delivered by the above named Porter to be his last will and testament in presence of us who have hereunto signed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator The fourth fifth and sixth lines on the third page is struck out before signed
Thomas John Alexander
Andrew Green

John Alexander

Be it Capital to this my last will and
testament May 17th 1831 whereas in the
foregoing will I left a horse to my
daughter Margaret which horse is now dead
and to Remunerate to her self and
bequeath to her and her heirs thirtysix
pence dollars in moneys whereof I
have set my hand and sealed my seal
the day and year above written
Thomas Brown
Andrea Green Alexander Portchall

In the name of God Amen

I Lydia Brown of County of Rockingham and
State of North Carolina being weak in body
but of sound and disposing mind and memory
do make my last will & testament in
manner & forme following viz

1st To my son John Brown Swell &
bequeath one bed bedstead & one or two
& the two pillows & the two sheets two double
wool counterpanes that are old or worn
2nd To my son Beth Brown Swell & bequeath one
bed bedstead & one two sheets & two
& the two pillows & the two sheets two double
wool counterpanes one quilt two coverlets and
one cover & cuff

4th To my son William Brown Swell & bequeath one
bed and one bedstead and one two sheets
one bolster & the two pillows & the two double
wool counterpanes one quilt two coverlets and
one cover & cuff also my negro boy named