

In the name of God Amen. Ichabod Bigham of Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina, being sick & in a low state of health, but of sound mind & memory calling to mind the infirmity & disposition of my body, do make & declare this my last Will & Testament: That is to say principally I first of all I give my soul into the hands of a thoroughly God who gave it, & my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I will Give, bequeath & dispose of the same in the following manner & mannerly I will give & bequeath to my beloved Wife Agnes Bigham a sufficient & decent maintenance out of my Estate during life or widowhood —

Item I will & declare that all my Estate real & personal be appraised & valued, that my Executors at their discretion dispose of such a part thereof as may be sufficient to pay all my Just debts —

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved son Andrew Bigham the sum of Five shillings

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved Daughter Agnes Patten a cow & calf provided she remain to be a slave —

Item I further will, give & bequeath all & every the remainder of my Estate real & personal to my beloved sons & daughters, William Bigham, John Bigham, Samuel Bigham & Mary Bigham —

Item It is my further Will & pleasure that the said Remainder of my Estate real & personal be continued in one common Stock until one or more of Legators or their Guardian shall call for a dividend that then the said real & personal according to the appraisement with the increase thereof be equally divided & one fourth part thereof is to be paid to each of the Residuary Legators as may call for their dividend & when the said remainder shall be equally divided together with the increase thereof and equal proportion thereof delivered to the said Residuary Legators or Legators provided always that nothing herein contained shall be in violation of the said Residuary Legators to one part of the said Stock or Residue

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Give, bequeath & dispose of the same in the following manner & manner
in writing, I will give & bequeath to my beloved Wife Abigail Bigham a
sufficient & decent maintenance out of my Estate during life
or widowhood —

Item I will & ordain that all my Estate real & personal be appraised
& valued, that my Executors at their discretion dispose of such a
part thereof as may be sufficient to pay all my Just debts —

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved Son Andrew Bigham the sum of
Five Shillings

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved Daughter Agnes Patten a bow &
bells provided the same to be ready —

Item I further will, give & bequeath all & every the remainder of my
Estate real & personal to my beloved Sons & Daughters, William
Bigham, John Bigham, Samuel Bigham & Mary Bigham —

Item It is my further Will & pleasure that the said Remainder of my Estate real
& personal be continued in one common Stock until one or more of
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the increase thereof and equal proportions thereof delivered to the
said Residuary Legates or Legates provided always that nothing
herein contained shall in title and of the said Residuary Legates
to any part of the increase of the common Stock or Residue
my Estate bequeathed to them, unless they contribute to
support and increase thereof —

And Lastly, I do hereby nominate & appoint my beloved Sons
William Bigham & John Bigham to be my whole and sole
Executors of this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking

all former Wills, Gifts & Bequests by me made or done
Notifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will &
Testament. At Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & affixed my seal the 29th day of July 1783
Lived, Sealed, published, pronounced & declared by
the said Andrew Bigham as his last Will & Testament
in the presence of us, who in his presence & in the
presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names

Ezekiel Polk
Samuel McHenry

Andrew Bigham

In the name of God Amen. The 8th day of July 1783 I Andrew Bigham
of the settlement on Dutch Buffalo creek in the County of Curson
in the Province of North Carolina (a Taylor by Trade) being 20,
sick & weak in body, but of perfect mind & memory, thank
be given unto God therefor, and calling to mind therefore the
mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appointed in all men
once to die, Do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament
And as Touching such worldly goods & estate where it shall
pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and
dispose of the same in the following manner I/orn -

His my Will & I do order that in the first place that all my
living children shall have equal part except the little
child shall have some more

And as also I do Will & Ordain my friend George Bigham
to be my Executor in ordering of this my Will & Testament
for my living wife & children. According as the same
directs, as also I do utterly disallow, revoke & disannul
all & every other former Will or Testament. Legacies &
bequests by me heretofore this time named & wished
to be made, Notifying this & no other to be my last Will
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the
day & the Year above written - Signed Sealed, Published
& declared the said Andrew Bigham as his last Will and
Testament