

Notifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
the day & Year above written -

Signed Sealed in presence of

John McCaskey
John Pickens
James Wauhup

Robert Davis 

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In the name of God Amen. I Arthur Donaldson of the County
of Mecklenburg & Province of N^o Carolina, being sick & weak in body
and of Sound Memory blessed by God for it, and expecting my
dissolution to be nigh, Do make declare & publish this to be my
last Will and Testament as follows to wit

Item I Order all my Just Debts to be paid.
I Give & bequeath unto my well beloved wife Hannah her Ward
& saddle, her bed & bed clothes & all her body clothes which she
owns & likewise one third part of all my moveable estate and a
piece of black thick cloth -

Item I Give & bequeath to my only son Barth the plantation on
which I now live with all the appurtenances thereof to be by
him possessed when he arrives at the age of Seventy one years & if
he should die before that time, my Will is that it be for the use
of my two daughters Reatha & Hannah to be equally divided
between them -

Item I Give & bequeath unto my two Daughters Reatha & Hannah
the other two parts of the moveables of my estate to be equally
divided Except as hereafter Excepted.

My Will further is that my beloved wife Hannah keep my three
children & school them & clothe & nourish them & for her help
herein I appoint her the use of my plantation so until my son
Barth comes of age if she remains a widow & afterwards
to have her maintenance off my plantation during her
widowhood & likewise the use of my other house & place
& gear & all my own implements of Husbandry and two
Mule Cows to be kept on my plantation for the support

of my wife & Children & Heir all the rest of my moveables
be sold & divided as above mentioned, And if my wife Hannah
should marry again but get a husband that does not do well
by my Children I order that my other Executors shall take care
of them - Lastly I do constitute & appoint my beloved
wife Hannah Donaldson & my two friends Charles Alexander
and William Doff to be the Executors of this my last will &
Testament, and I do hereby revoke & disannul all former
wills & Testaments by me made and declare this to none other
to be my last will & Testament, In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & seal this 20th day of August 1776
Signed sealed & published in the presence of us

James Alexander
William Doff
Charles Alexander

Arthur Donaldson

In the name of God Amen. I John Davidson of the
Province of N Carolina & County of Beaufort being sick &
weake of body, but in perfect mind sense & memory, thanks be given
to Gods, Calling to mind the Mortality of my body & knowing that it
is appointed for all men once to die; Do make & ordain this my last
will & Testament, that is to say Principally & first of all I give and
recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it
and my body I recommend to the earth to be decently Interred at the
discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general
Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power
of Gods; and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath
pleas'd God to bless me in this life I give Devise & dispose of the same
in the following manner & form -

I will & ordain to my wife Mary Davidson her bed & furniture & more
& a Cow to be kept on the place as also her maintenance while she lives
as also the one third of the other furniture in the house, Reserving only
of beds & Clothes - I also will to my son James Davidson ninety acres
off the best end of my plantation him paying the purchase money
of the same to my son John Davidson a feather bed