

to give & bequeath to my beloved son which could I make & will that go to
my son name Saddle & Bridle & one hundred acres of land I now lie
on, at the value thereof if it be sold & four hundred acres of my
land on the western waters—

I give & bequeath to my beloved sons Robert & James Armstrong each
of them four hundred acres of land on the western waters—

I do hereby constitute & appoint my well beloved wife & my
beloved son George Executors of this my last will & Testament
and do utterly revoke & disannul all other former wills and
Testaments, Ratifying & confirming them & no other to be my last
will & Testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & seal the day & year first above written
Signed Seal & published & declared
to be my last will & Testament in presence.

J. Joseph Swann

J. Alexander Porter

George C. C. C.

J. Andrew C. C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I Charles Cummings of the County of Mecklenburg
State of W. Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind & memory
thanks be to God therefor, Calling to mind that it is appointed for all
men once to die, Do make & Ordain this my last & Testament that is to
say principally & first of all I give my soul into the hands of Almighty
God that gave it and 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
equip me in this life I give & dispose of the same in the following manner
& form Viz. I give & bequeath unto Rebecca Cummings my dearly
beloved wife all that plantation on which I now live during
her widowhood & one third part of said plantation & all House
Buildings thereon during her natural life & also one third part
of all my personal Estate.

Then I give & bequeath to John Cummings my beloved son the sum
of Forty pounds.

Then I give & bequeath unto Francis Cummings my beloved son all

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and singular that plantation situate lying & being in this County
on the Davies Branch.

Item I give & bequeath unto Elizabeth Cummins my beloved daughter
the sum of thirty pounds.

Item I give & bequeath unto Rebecca Cummins my beloved daughter
the sum of thirty pounds.

Item I give & bequeath unto Jean Cummins my beloved daughter
the sum of thirty pounds. It is my will & pleasure that
all the remainder of my personal estate & the monies arising
from the sale thereof if any remain after the payment of all
my debts & the legacies herein before mentioned be equally divided
among all my children & that if any of my children should die
before they receive any share of their own that then the legacy of
such child &c. shall then be equally divided among the
surviving children.

Item I devise give & bequeath unto Ephraim Broward, Isaac Alexander
William Alexander son of Benjamin Alexander & Francis Cummins
my son &c. & singular the plantation on which I now live
& all buildings thereon from & after the death of my wife to them
their heirs & assigns, never, to trust nevertheless that they the
said Ephraim Broward, Isaac Alexander, William Alexander &
Francis Cummins the survivors or survivors of them shall
within all convenient speed after the death of my wife sell
& dispose of the same for the best price that may be had & that
they shall pay all the monies arising from that sale in
monies, following viz one fourth part to my son John & one
fourth part to my son Francis & all the remainder equally
among my three Daughters viz Elizabeth, Rebecca & Jean
Cummins. And I do hereby constitute & appoint
Rebecca Cummins my clerk, executor &c. & Francis Cummins
my beloved son to be my sole executor of my last will & testament
& do hereby fully & absolutely authorize & empower all & every of them
severally & jointly with Legals & executors by me in any wise
named & to be named in writing to do all & every thing that may be
lawfully required of them in and about the execution of my last will & testament
confirming the same.

The term of the 10th period.

I give & bequeath unto John Cummings my beloved daughter
 the sum of thirty pounds. It is my will & pleasure that
 all the remainder of my personal estate & the monies arising
 from the sale thereof if any remain after the payment of all
 my debts & the Legacies herein before mentioned be equally divided
 among all my children & that if any of my children should die
 before they have any Heirs of their own that then the Legacy of
 such child &c. shall be equally divided among the
 surviving children

I choose give & bequeath unto Ephraim Bessard, Isaac Horwader
William Horwader son of Degetrich Horwader & Francis Cummings
my son all & singular the plantation on which I now live
with buildings thereon from & after the death of my wife to them
their heirs & assigns forever, in trust nevertheless that they the
said Ephraim Bessard, Isaac Horwader, William Horwader &
Francis Cummings the survivors or survivor of them shall
within all convenient speed after the death of my wife sell
& dispose of the same for the best price that may be had & that
they shall pay all the monies arising from that sale in
monies following viz one fourth part to my son John & one
fourth part to my son Francis & all the remainder equally
among my three Daughters viz Elizabeth, Rebecca & Jean
Cummings. And I do hereby constitute & appoint
Rebecca Cummings my dearly beloved wife & Francis Cummings
my beloved son to be my sole executors of my last will & Testament
& do hereby utterly disallow revoke annul void & contrary to
former Testaments, Wills Legacies & Executors by me in any wise
made written or bequeathed before writing & confirming this & no
other to be my last will & Testament, In witness whereof I the said
I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal
This 18th day of September 1777—Signed sealed pronounced & declared by the said
Charles Cummings as his last will & testament in the presence of us above
said the presence of the other names are set to subscribe the same
David Hogg
Ephraim Bessard
Isaac Horwader
William Horwader
Francis Cummings

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