

that lies in Virginia in Capt David Mason's hands being the hire
or wages of the aforesaid negro, but in case she dies before
the arrival at the age of 18 years, then in such case I will be
bound to the aforesaid money & clothing before mentioned unto
my loving sister James Fort.

I do hereby will & order that the before mentioned negroes which I have
be in the care & at the disposal of John Adams untill the aforesaid
James & Mary Adams arrive at age or marriage, together with
the increase (if any) before will'd & be given to the said James
and Thomas Adams aforesaid.

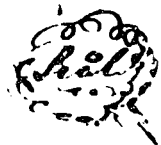
And lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my true &
friend & brother in law John Adams & Lewis Holloway my Executors
of this my last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have here
unto set my hand & seal the 25th day of January A.D. 1781 -
Signed, Sealed & delivered, published, pronounced

& declared in the presence of

Wm Reed

Philip Alexander

Phillip Fort.



In the name of God Amen. I Ephraim Fort of Mecklenburg County
State of N^o Carolina being hereunto in body and of sound mind & memory
blessed be God, this day the 22nd of September in the year of our Lord 1784
make & publish this my last will & Testament in manner & form
following Viz. First I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret
her bed & furniture three dresses & furniture with four covers &
four Calves & a negro girl & slave named Fina three Chests & Table
& chairs & a big house & black mare & all the plantation tools
except a hoe one adze one mattock one pair of plow hoes, and I
further give to her a line of twelve & twenty pounds in money
and the sole of the plantation on which I now lie. While she remains
my widow & in case she should marry in consideration of the
above bequeath she shall pay unto my son David twenty five
pounds & to my Daughter Margaret twenty five pounds & I give
unto my son Ephraim the half of the plantation I purchased of
Anthony Phifer and I give to my daughter Mary

67 3rd I give unto my son James the half of the said plantation purchased from said Phifer agreeable to quantity & quality & one ox one m^o horse, one hoe, one Iron Pot, & one pair of plow hoes & one bay mare & two cows & a bed & furniture: - 4th I give & bequeath unto my son Samuel the plantation I purchased from David Wilson & the benefit of a piece of land adjacent obtained by a State grant & the benefit of a warrant joining Samuel Mortons. - 5th I give & bequeath unto my son David the plantation now lie on & the remaining half of that piece of land obtained by a State grant right as aforesaid conditioned that my said son David pay unto my Daughter Margaret fifty pounds: - 6th I give unto my daughter Margaret one negro girl slave named Jane: 7th I leave a negro girl slave named Phillis one half to my Daughter Hannah the other half to be equally divided between my sons Ephraim James & Samuel - further I give to my son David a bay colt that in claims: and further I give to my Daughter Hannah the cow she purchased from me in this spring - further I allow my wife & children as much grain as may supply the family to harvest, ensuing, - further I leave a negro man & slave named Dick & a negro woman slave named Charlotte to my son David & daughter Margaret to be kept on the plantation to raise grain if they do well if not to be sold by my Executors & the money applyed to the use of my said son David & daughter Margaret, and if neither the said David or Margaret should die in minority the other shall have the slaves & estate hereby given - further I allow my wife & family as much beef & Pork as will be sufficient for one years provision & that one son & one daughter be left on the plantation - further I give to my Grand son Ephraim Five ten pounds, and I give & bequeath unto my Grand son William Five ten pounds; and I give & bequeath unto my Grand son John Five twenty pounds and further I order what ever may remain and allow what is hereby devised to be equally divided among my six children viz - Hannah, Ephraim, James, Samuel, David & Margaret. - Further I constitute & appoint my Executors, Administrators & assigns my son in law James Wilson, David Wilson, & my

my son Samuel the plantation I purchased from David Wilson &
the purchase of a piece of land adjacent obtained by a State grant
& the benefit of a warrant joining Samuel Morton - 5th I give
& bequeath unto my son David the plantation now here on & the
remaining half of that piece of land obtained by a State grant
right as aforesaid conditioned that my said son David pay unto
my Daughter Margaret fifty pounds: - 6th I give unto my daughter
Margaret one negro girl Slave named Jane: 7th I have a negro
girl Slave named Phillis one half to my Daughter Hannah
the other half to be equally divided between my sons Ephraim
James & Samuel - further I give to my son David a bay colt
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the Cow she purchased from me in this Spring - further I allow
my wife & children as much grain as may suffy by the family
to harvest ensuing, - further I have a negro man & slave named
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& daughter Margaret to be kept on the plantation to raise
grain if they do well if not to be sold by my Executors &
the money applied to the use of my said son David & daughter
Margaret, and if either the said David or Margaret should
die in minority the other shall have the demands & estate
hereby given - further I allow my wife & family as much beef
& Pork as will be sufficient for one years provision & that one
son & five sheats be left on the plantation - further I give to
my Grand son Ephraim Five ten pounds, and I give & bequeath
unto my Grand son William Five ten pounds; and I give
& bequeath unto my Grand son John Five twenty pounds
and further I order whatever may remain over & above what is hereby
claimed to be equally divided among my six children viz -
Hannah, Ephraim, James, Samuel, David & Margaret - further
I constitute & appoint my Trusty friends Asa L. D. Houston & my
son in law James Wilson Executors of this my last will & testament, having
meeting all other wills & testaments by me made & by my son Sam
is to put in the wheat of which he is to have one third part
& further I order my clothes & book to be equally divided

among my sons Except my big Bible which I leave to my wife Margaret
to take up whereof I trust at my hand I affixed my seal the day and
year first above written
Signed & sealed in presence of
Witnesses
John A. Davidson After us in Law
James Wilson
David Nelson



In the name of God Amen. I Samuel Ferguson of the State of North Carolina
Mecklenburg County being weak in body but of perfect mind & memory
thanked be given unto Gods calling unto mind the mortality of my
body I knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die
do make & ordain this my last will & testament that is to say principally I first
of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that
gave it & my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent
manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at
the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Almighty
power of God. And as touching such worldly estate whereunto it had
pleased God to bless me with in this life, And in the first place I desire
that all my lawful Debts be paid & the rest to be disposed of in the
following manner I give I give I give I give unto my beloved
son Alexander Ferguson two young negroes one girl named Sally
the other a boy named Jeremiah - And I also give I give unto
my Daughter Agnes Ferguson three negroes viz an negro woman named
Ann & two negro boys one named Matthew & the other David - And it
also is my will & pleasure that my negro fellows those abide with
my family ten years on the plantation after this delivery & then
to be valued or appraised & divided between my son & Daughter -
And as to the rest of my real & personal estate ~~with the same~~
~~plantation~~ I will & positively order that it stand as in a deed
of gift on record excepting one third of my real & personal estate
with the use of the plantation to my beloved wife Matly Ferguson
during her life time or widowhood and no longer.

And I do hereby appoint & ordain my beloved wife Matly Ferguson
my beloved son Alexander Ferguson & my trusty friend
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