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In the name of God Amen. I Esther Parris of the County of Mecklenburg, State of North Carolina widow being in a declining State of health & weak in body but of sound & disposing mind. Manner, & understanding promised by God for the same Do make & declare this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following Viz^t I give devise & bequeath unto my beloved son James Parris his Executors Administrators or Assigns my negro man named Matt to have & to hold the same free from any incumbrance whatsoever, likewise to my said son James Parris I give devise & bequeath the my negro woman named Dinah & her child which she now has to, other with the one half of a common road wagon which he & I had in partnership & my half of the farming utensils which are had in in the same manner, also ^{all} my horse creatures, horned cattle sheep & Hogs also all my Kitchen furniture & Ferry boat commonly called a flat together with one half of my cupboard, furniture part of China (cup & the cupboard) to have & to hold the same, & my will is that out of this property he pay all my just debts & the remainder if there be any that he appropriate it to his own use

2^d. I give devise & bequeath to my son in law Henry Herr of the State of Virginia his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns my negro boy called Jackson to have & to hold the same. Provided nevertheless & my will is that the said Henry pay into the hands of his daughter Esther Herr or into the hands of her legal representative when called upon so to do the sum of Twenty dollars, in full consideration of his receiving the above named boy. Also to my beloved daughter Mary Herr wife of the said Henry Herr I give & bequeath the feather bed & whereon I commonly lie together with the bedstead & all the furniture there to belonging - 3^d I give & bequeath to my beloved son William Herr now in the State of Tennessee his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns my negro girl named Cynthia to have & to hold the same. Provided nevertheless & my will is that the said William pay in full consideration of his receiving the above named negro girl

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of the said Henry Herr I give & bequeath the further best
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Cynthia do pay into the hands of my Grand daughter Esther
daughter of Henry Herr or into the hands of her legal representative.

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 so to do the sum of twenty dollars the I give devise & bequeath to my daughter
George Henry of Mecklenburg County N. Carolina my Negro woman called
Phoebe & the child she is now pregnant with should it be born & live, to have
 to have the same, Provided nevertheless my will is that he pay into the
 hands of Esther Isabella Holtside Price daughter of James Price now
 of Tennessee or into the hands of her legal representatives in one year
 after my decease or at any time thereafter when legally called upon
 the sum of forty dollars; and also in one year after my decease
 or at any time thereafter when called upon so to do pay into the
 hands of my Executor Isaac Price the further sum of twenty dollars
 the more fully to enable him to discharge my debts and further
 more I give devise & bequeath to my daughter Mecklenburg wife of
 the said George Henry my set of clothes as it stands in my husband's
 together with one half of all the other furniture of the said husband
 5th I give devise & bequeath to my grand daughter Esther Price daughter
 of Isaac Price one feather bed & furniture like manner I give unto
 my grand daughter Esther Henry daughter of George Henry one feather
 bed & furniture & further I give & bequeath to Esther Price daughter
 of Isaac Price my Chest & Table, and as touching my last and my
 true will is that it be equally divided between my two daughters
Widow Kerr & Esther Henry, and further as to any other articles of my
 property which have not been mentioned & disposed of, my will is that
 they go into the hands of my Executor to be disposed of as he may
 think proper, as to my old Negro woman named Poll my will &
 devise is that she remain with & be taken care of by my son Isaac Price
 and I do here by nominate constitute & appoint the above
 named Isaac Price my son to be the sole Executor of this my last will
 & Testament, hereby revoking & making void all & every other will
 & wills at any time heretofore by me made, & do declare this to be
 my last will & Testament, In witness hereof I have hereunto set my
 hand & seal this 2nd day of May in the year of our Lord 1785.
 Witnessed & attested & published by the above named
Esther Price the Testator as & for her last will & Testament
 in the presence of us who at her request & in her presence
 the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names
 E. P. Price
 1785

