

as myself could have done in my lifetime &  
between necessarily present & I did lastly get the necessary constitutions  
& apparel ready for my son Matthew & my son in law Samuel Gordon &  
Samuel Gordon to be the sole Executors of this my last will  
& Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore  
made. Ratifying & confirming this to be my last will & Testament  
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal  
this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1810  
Signed, sealed & acknowledged by the said John Clark to be  
his last will & Testament in the presence of us, whom at  
his request have subscribed our names as witnesses  
John Clark  
Robert Hawie }  
Elick Clark }  
John Clark 

29 In the name of God Amen. I John Clark Esq<sup>r</sup> of Rockingham County  
& State of Carolina, being in perfect health & sound memory & under  
standing but of declining years, do constitute this my last will and  
testament, and desire it may be revised as soon by the worshipped  
Court of Rockingham & Hunter before my death to give it full grace  
my body to the earth from whence it came as for my burial I desire  
it may be decent without expence or expense, resting my body to the earth  
I desire that my funeral debts be paid, then I bequeath to my dear  
beloved wife Mary the plantation I now live on with all its property  
with all the household furniture her choice house to be sold the saddle  
& bridle with one other work horse, & all the farming tools, waggon  
& gears, two cows & calves & one heifer & two, two year old heifers  
six head of sheep fifteen head of hogs, eight of them two years old &  
seven, year old, likewise a negro woman named Lucy, likewise  
a negro boy named Charles, the said plantation plantation of  
Charles, my wife use her lifetime, & the rest of the mentioned property  
pertaining to her own disposal, & use, and after the death of my wife  
I give the said plantation & negro Charles to my son Robert power  
likewise my negro fellow slave & a negro boy named Ben with the  
saddle horse saddle & bridle my gun & all my hunting apparel  
in his or said sons possession & in his or said sons hands to a suitable  
trustee or guardian, there is a worth less To a slave on the

I found son James M. said Robert & Wm. & George Ferguson I give him a  
 Negro boy named Jack to his accompanying to my daughter Mary Grace  
 I give her one Negro girl named Eddie, her name is Delia my boy  
 Child named Charles her other children, and I give Ezekiel Black  
 one dollar to be paid by my Executors, and I give to Elizabeth Black  
 son oldest child three hundred & Twenty dollars to be paid  
 by Executors between the said three children, and to Robert  
 Morrison I give one Dollar but to his daughter Peggy I give  
 her fifty Dollars to be paid out of my estate, and to Andrew Johnston  
 I give one dollar & to his wife oldest child born by his first  
 wife my grand children I give them one hundred & eighty  
 dollars to be equally divided between them to be paid said  
 children as they arrive of age by my Executors else if before  
 or after William Morris who has back contention already I give  
 him & his wife one dollar for my Negro woman Hannah  
 that I may let my daughter Jane have the sum of, & the increase  
 of the said Hannah that she shall have after this day I give  
 to my daughter Jane increase that she may bear after this date  
 and the said Hannah to remain with my said daughter Jane  
 while alone bearing them at her own disposal, likewise give  
 to my daughter Jane first daughter I give her a Negro girl  
 now with her Mother named Bell & a Negro boy at the breast of  
 said Hannah named Lazarus, and I give to my daughter Jane  
 second daughter a Negro boy named Dan & a Negro girl named  
 Isabella for ever ... for my daughter Rachel I give her one new  
 very fine silk Shawl, one Negro girl named Polly from round shipp  
 and to my wife Mary I give her two Negro girls Preddy & Peggy &  
 four hundred dollars in silver at her own disposal and the  
 remainder if any to be equally divided between my own born children  
 that is living at this time - And lastly I do constitute &  
 appoint Jonathan Harris, Robert & Wm. & George Ferguson as my  
 executors of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof  
 I have caused to set my hand & affixed my seal this the 12<sup>th</sup> day  
 of May in the year of our Lord 1812.

The subscriber,

James M'Combs

James M'Combs Esq.

Child named Sarah, & her children, and I give Elizabeth Black  
one dollar to be paid by my Executrix, and I give to Elizabeth Black  
the oldest child born me hundred & Twenty Dollars to be equal-  
ly divided between the said two children, and to Robert  
Harrison I give one Dollar but to his daughter Peggy I give  
her fifty Dollars to be paid out of my estate, and to Andrew Johnson  
I give one dollar & to his wife oldest child born by his first  
wife my grand children I give them one hundred & eighty  
dollars to be equally divided between them & to be paid said  
children as they receive of age by my Executrix clear of interest  
also to William Kerr as he has had contributions already I give  
him & his wife one dollar, so for my Negro woman Hannah  
that I may let my daughter Jane have the use of, & the income  
of the said Hannah that she shall have after this st. I give  
to my daughter Jane increase that she may bear after this date  
and the said Hannah to remain with my said daughter Jane  
while alone bearing there at her own disposal, likewise I give  
to my daughter Jane first daughter I give her a Negro girl  
name with her Mother named Tolla a Negro boy at the breast of  
said Hannah named Harrison, and I give to my daughter Jane  
second daughter a Negro boy named Dan the Negro girl named  
Isabel for ever ... so for my daughter Rachel I give her one negro  
boy named Sampson, one Negro girl named Polly & one named Siffy  
and to my wife Mary I give her two Negro girls Peedy & Piggy to  
four hundred dollars in silver or her own disposal and the  
remainder if any to be equally divided between my twin born children  
that is living at this time - And lastly I do constitute &  
appoint Jonathan Harris, Robert McComb & Roger Deacon as my  
executors of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof  
I have caused to set my hand & affixed my seal this the 12<sup>th</sup> day  
of May in the year of our Lord 1812.

In the presence of  
John S. Deacon }  
William Phillips }  
James Deacon }

James McComb