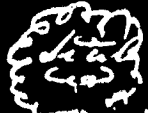


In the name of God Amen. The 3^d day of February in the year of
in Lord 1781 I James Paxton of Mecklenburg County in the province
of Carolina (Widow) being very sick in body but of perfect mind
memory thanks be to God. Therefore calling to mind the mortality of
manhood & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die
I make & bequeath this my last Will & Testament that is to say principally
first of all, I give & recommend my soul to God that gave it, & for
my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like
& decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting
but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again
by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate
where with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, bequeath
& dispose of in the following manner & form; Impres and first
I Will, Recommend & bequeath that my son John be heir of my plantation
by him, freely to be possessed & enjoyed. Item I give & bequeath unto
my dearly & lawfully beloved wife Mary my negro woman named Sarah
together with my black mare beside the commonly Road, with her
saddle & Bridle, together with all the household furniture by her freely
to be possessed & enjoyed & the use & benefit of my plantation whilst she
lives my widow with all the improvements & appurtenances thereof,
Item I give & bequeath to my dearly & well beloved daughter
Catharine my negro girl Loos together with my mare which I had
of John Sturgeon by her, freely to be possessed and enjoyed
Item I do likewise give & bequeath unto my dearly & well
beloved son John my negro boy Samba together with the
half of all my Carpenter tools by him freely to be possessed
& enjoyed; Item I give & bequeath unto my child that is not
yet born if it shall please God to bring it to this world a
my black mare together with the first child that the negro
woman Sarah does have if she shall have any with a cow
& calf by him or her, freely to be possessed & enjoyed with the
other half of my tools, & a cow & calf to each of the other two
& the same of my Cattle to the use & benefit of my boys
& my plantation to be kept in the plantation, & the use;
my children, & my black mare to be sold & converted to the use of
my child that is not yet born. I likewise require & bequeath
that my dearly beloved, beloved & lawfully beloved son John

22 my well beloved wife Mary Patton by my only & sole Executors
of this my last will & Testament, & I do hereby utterly disavow
& disannul all & every other former wills, Testaments & Legacies bequeathed
& bequeathed by me in any wise before this Time made, bequeathed and
bequeathed, Not Testifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will
& Testament In witness whereof I have signed & attested, published
pronounced & declared by the said James Patton as his last
will & Testament in the presence of the subscribers. *Wig*

Matthew Patton
Morris Patton

James Patton 

In the name of God Amen. The 26th day of
March 1789. I Martin Phifer head of the County of Shenandoah
& State of Carolina. Being being weak in body but of perfect
mind & memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling unto
mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die I make & declare this my last will &
Testament. That is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend
my soul into the hands of Almighty God that give it; And my
Body to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at
at the discretion of my Executors whom I shall nominate
hereafter in this will, nothing doubting but at the general Resur-
rection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God
and as touching such worldly Estate as I have I bequeath
God to bless me in this life I give & dispose of in the
following manner & form — It is my will that my just
and funeral charges be duly paid and discharged
I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret Phifer
five Slaves viz one old negro man named Dick Van. Negro man
named Mary & her two children & one negro named Jacob and
also all my household furniture & all my Goods Stocks & Chattels
& one third part of my Money at hand & likewise the same in
my bonds & Notes of hand due to me & also the Liberty of finding
her seat & living as her right of Dower of the lands in which
I now live on big Loblaws Creek or with either of her sons to be