

Widow, but if it should chance that she should
make a second marriage she is deprived of any
further power over my Estate except the third of the
moveables & then my land & the rest of my Estate is as
near as they can Equally to be divided amongst my
six Children viz William, John, Samuel, Robert,
Elizabeth & Frances. I also nominate & ordain &
appoint my well beloved wife Elizabeth & my
neighbour Larry Harris to be my sole Executors of
this my Estate, and I do hereby utterly disallow
revoke & disannul all & every other former Testa-
ments, Wills, Legacies, Bequests & Executors by me in
any wise before named Wills & Bequests Ratifying
& confirming this & no other to be my last Will &
Testament. In witness Whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & seal the day & year above written
Signed Sealed published & declared

William Spear
Thomas Davis
John Davis

William Washington 

In the name of God Amen. I James Nelson of the County
of Newbern in the Province of North Carolina being weak
in body but of perfect mind & memory Thanks be to God
therefore, calling to mind that it is appointed for all men
once to die. Do make & ordain this my last Will and
Testament that is to say prin. pally & first of all
I give my Soul into the hands of Almighty God the
giver of it, & my body I recommend to the earth to be
buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my
Executors, as Touching such worldly Estate as I have,
it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I

give & dispose of the same in the following manner & forms
 viz I give & bequeath unto Margaret Wilson my dear & beloved wife all that messuage tract or parcel of land on which I now dwell two horse creatures to wit the Boar & the bay mare one plow & the things, during her widowhood, & one third part of the plank house & all Houses & Buildings thereon during her natural life as also one third part of all my personal estate & also one bowl & bedding two pewter dishes & six plates & one Iron pot; Then I give & bequeath unto Mary Wilson my Dearest beloved daughter the sum of five pounds

Then I give & bequeath unto Elizabeth Wilson my beloved daughter the sum of five pounds. It is further my will & pleasure that these two last mentioned Legacies be paid to Matthew Patten, Mary & Elizabeth's grandfather by him to be laid out for their use at his discretion to whom I commit the care of Education of the said Mary & Elizabeth. Then I give & bequeath to Mary Alexander my wife's eldest daughter two cows

Then I give & bequeath unto Ann Alexander my wife's second daughter two cows. It is further my will & pleasure that all the wool & fleeces now in my possession be left unsold for the use of the family; further it is my will that all the remainder of my personal estate be sold by my Executors & the monies arising from that sale after my just debts & these Legacies herein before devised be paid, be equally divided among all the rest of my Children to wit John M'Henry Wilson James Wilson Deborah Wilson & Abner Wilson Then I devise give & bequeath unto each & every one of my Children Mary Alexander & Eliza Alexander one good parish Bible to be purchased by my Executors at their discretion Then I also give & bequeath unto

Isaac Alexander, William Alexander son to Mary Alexander
 John Parks Junr & Joseph Gabby on fishing creek all that
 message tract or parcel of land in which I now dwell
 & all appurtenances thereto belonging from & after the
 death of my wife to them, their heirs & assigns forever
 in trust nevertheless, that they the said Isaac Alexander
 William Alexander John Parks Junr & Joseph Gabby
 the survivors or survivors of them shall with all
 convenient speed after the death of my wife sell &
 dispose of the same for the best price that may be had;
 & that all the monies arising out of that sale shall be
 equally divided among my four last mentioned
 Legatee, to wit John McHenry, William Wilson
 Deborah Wilson & Jane Wilson; It is further my will
 & pleasure that if can any of them should die—
 without marriage or arriving at the age of twenty one
 years that then the Legacy to such child & it then
 shall be equally divided among the survivors of
 them, It is further my will & pleasure that one bush
 & thirty bushels of wheat, thirty bushels of Indian Corn
 & fifteen bushels of barley be left unsold for the next
 winter provision— And I hereby constitute & appoint
 Margaret Wilson my dearly beloved wife & Archibald
 McDowell to be my sole Executors of this my last will
 & Testament & do hereby utterly disallow & disannul
 discontinue all & every other former will, Testament,
 Legacies & Executors by me in any wise made, written
 or bequeathed before Ratifying & confirming this & no
 other to be my last will & Testament, In witness
 whereof I the said James Wilson have hereunto set my
 hand & affixed my seal this 25th day of April 1776.

Signed Sealed pronounced & attested
 by the said James Wilson as his last

will & Testament in the presence of us as he
in his presence & in the presence of each other
have hereunto subscribed our names

Archibald McDermott

Ezekiel Williams

Hazebach Alexander

James D. Brown

In the name of God Amen. I Job Williams being sick &
weak in body but of mind & memory sound & willing to
make the last will & Testament of my body that is appointed for all men
once to die & after that the judgment, & upon their considera-
tions I make this my last will & Testament, And first
of all I give my body to the earth from whence it came
& my soul to God who gave it, (my study to be devoutly
business) And as to my worldly Estate I Will that all my
just debts be paid them I give to John Williams my beloved
widow an equal part of my personal estate with the rest of my
children & to have her living on the place as long as she
remains a widow. But if she marries before my youngest
child is of age then in that case she is to clear out of the
premises & the land to be sold & an equal Dividend to be
given to John Williams, Joseph Williams, James Williams
Leah Williams & Hannah Williams & Margaret Williams
but if she never marries to have her equal part of the
real Estate. Lastly I constitute & appoint my beloved
son John Williams & my beloved wife Ann Williams
Thomas Nichol to be my Executors of this my last will &
Testament in order to see it executed. And in Testimony
hereof I set my hand & affix my Seal the 3^d day of January
1786. Proclaimed & acknowledged in presence

of John and Giles

John Nichol

Williams Alexander

Job Williams

