

In the name of God Amen I James Wylie of the County
of Mecklenburg in the province of N^o Carolina, being
sick in body, Thanks be to God of perfect & sound mind
& memory, calling unto mind that it is appointed for all
men once to die; Do make this my last will & testament
to wit principally & first of all I recommend my soul unto
God who gave it, & my body unto the earth to be interred
in a Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors
Not doubting of a joyful & happy Resurrection
by the merits of my all sufficient Redeemer -
And as touching such worldly substance it hath
pleased God in this world to bless me with, I order
dispose of & bequeath in the manner & form following
to wit. I order all my just debts to be paid as soon
after my decease as possible, I order my dearly be-
loved wife Martha the third part of all my personal
estate & a bed & the furniture thereof for her use & that
she have the use of my plantation wherem I now
live during her natural life or widowhood the better
to support her & my children. I order that my
Executors herein after named do school my children
as is common or to them shall seem meet & that
they with their mother do live on the land above
until the herein to age & that there be reserved for
their use in common to their support four of my
best work horses to carry on the plantation business
with the plow & plow boys now thereon -
I order & bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife my negro
man here named Ferree during her widowhood or while
she lives on this my plantation with my children & in
case of her death or removal then this said negro to be
continued for the support of my children with three
other Negroes following to wit Phillis a female negro
young Ferree a male child & Ferree a negro boy of eight
years of age all which negroes are to be deemed
for the support of my children until the herein
to full age or the greater part of them & it may

appear to my Executors more for the advantage of my
 Heirs to sell than I wish Heirs that to continue them as
 herein before directed, — I Give & bequeath unto my son
John Nylie that five hundred acres of Land on Reed
Creek in Portsmouth County in the Colony of Virginia to
 be by him fully possessed & enjoyed — I Give & bequeath unto
 my Sons Thomas, James & Robert Nylie that tract of nine
 hundred & eighteen acres of Land on Cripple Creek in
Portsmouth County in the Colony of Virginia to be equally
 divided amongst them as my Executors shall think
 proper so that at the time of their coming to age each
 one may enter upon & into his own divided —

I Give & bequeath unto my youngest son Harris McKinley Nylie
 the plantation that I now live on at his coming to age, & I
 Order my son John Nylie to give him the said Harris Mc
Kinley the sum of Forty pounds proclamation money out
 of his the said John Nylie part of my Estate so that this
 last divided may be as near as possible to those landed
 parts of my Estate immediately going before & last men
 tioned — I Give & bequeath to my daughter Jane my
 Negro female Slave named Dina & at her coming to
 age or marriage, I order my Executors to furnish her
 with a mare worth Twelve pounds & a saddle & bridle
 & such bed & furniture as they shall think proper —

I Give & bequeath unto my daughter Martha my negro
 female Slave named Fanny & at her coming to age or
 marriage, I order my Executors to furnish her with a mare
 worth Twelve pounds & a saddle & bridle & such bed
 as they shall think proper — I Give & bequeath unto my
 Daughter Margaret the sum of Fifty pounds proclamation
 money at her coming to age or marriage, I order my Execs.
 to furnish her with a mare worth Twelve pounds and a
 saddle & bridle & such bed & furniture as they shall
 think proper; And in case that the female negro Slave called
Phillis have a Child within one Year after the Ratifica
 tion of this my will, I Order it to be given to my
 Daughter Margaret if it lives unto the time she

it to receive her dividend of my estate in lieu of the
Fifty pounds above mentioned - As it appears that my
is now pregnant & near unto the time of her delivery if it
shall please God to spare her & the Child when born
I Order my Executors to observe the following direction
relative to the said unborn Child to wit If a male
I Order & appoint my son John Nylie to purchase
a tract of land in the Colony of Virginia for him the
said Child as near as may be to the land herein before
mentioned & that the said John do consult my Executors
& with their approbation make the said purchase.
And if a female I Order & it is my will that my
Executors do after the said Child is schooled in her
manner with those herein named, do furnish
her with an equal dividend of my estate with
Margaret already named, and in case that if
any of my sons die before they come of age I
Order their Shares to be equally divided amongst
the Survivors. And in case that any of my daughters
do die before they come of age, I Order their Shares
to be equally divided amongst the surviving female
& the same is my will concerning the Unborn Child
already spoke of be it male or female, I Order
my Executors as soon as they shall think it proper to
make sale of my moveable estate by public Auction
& the money arising thereupon after paying off the
Legacies herein before mentioned to be equally divided
amongst my Children as mentioned above by name
I Order & it is my will that in the Management of
my Estate by my Executors herein appointed in their
receiving the Money that may become due by
me or upon such bonds & notes as are payable to
me that when either of my Executors shall receive any
sum or sums of Money that such Executor shall with
out loss of time Inform the other Executors hereof
& that they do assemble at my house & he or she
so having received Money as before do immediately

Account with I pay into the hands of my other Executors
 the money so collected that they all in conjunction may
 dispose of the same in the best manner for my heirs & lest it
 might be suggested by any of my Executors that any other
 of them have received any part of my Estate into their
 hands & hath not accounted their companions it is my
 will the person so suspicious do immediately inform the
 others thereof & that they search out the matter for the
 greater benefit of my children. —

I Order, Nominate, Constitute & appoint my dearly be-
 loved wife Mercy Wylie my son John Wylie, my brother
Robert Robinson & Robert Harris (sons) my heirs &
 sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament. —

disannulling & making void all former & other wills
 & Testaments by me here before made & Testifying and
 confirming none other than these presents as & for my
 will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
 subscribed my name & affixed my seal in my house at
 the County first aforesaid this 3rd day of December in
 the year of our Lord 1771

Signed, Sealed, Published, pronounced & declared
 by the said James Wylie as & for his last will and
 Testament in the presence of us the under named
 Subscribers who in his the said James Wylie's
 presence did subscribe our names as witnesses

William Alexander
 John Carothers
 Thomas Neely

James Wylie

In the name of God Amen, I Samuel Wilson
 of Northampton County in the State of North Carolina
 being sick & in a low state of health, but of sound
 mind & memory, calling to mind the shortness
 of my body, do make & ordain this my last
 will & Testament that is to say principally & first