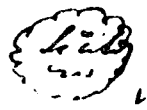


my hand & affixed my seal this twentieth day of March 1777
And I do appoint my Trusty & well beloved son Geo. Cathey
& Robert Irwin to be my whole & sole Executors of this my last
will & Testament, and also I give & bequeath to my Daughter
Eleanor Williams a certain Sum of money with out house all to
which I have set my hand & seal the day & year above written
Signed Sealed & declared

in the presence of us.

Jane Cathey 

Andrew Cathey
Robert Armstrong
Francis Gouree

32 To all Christian people whom these presents may concern
Know ye that I John Canon being in a weakly state of body but
of sound mind & memory calling to mind the Mortality of my
body & that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do
therefore make this my last will & Testament viz I recommend
my soul to God who gave it & my body to be buried in the
Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors, & as
I have such worldly Estate as God hath blessed me with
I will give & dispose of the same in the following manner
and form

First of all I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Martha in lieu
of her Dowry one mare called Bony her choice of three Cows
& all the Sheep with the whole of the Grain for the use of
the family & stock likewise a Sufficiency of meat for her
& the family with the whole of the House & Kitchen furniture
including beds & bedding Chests &c &c with the privilege of
my Mansion House and all other her is of Office with a
comfortable maintenance for her & such Children as may
live with her during her life or widowhood.

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Smith
the sum of five shillings

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved son James Canon
the second Choice of a Cow & some Hogs for meat & a breeding
sow

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Item I Give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Abby Garrison the sum of five shillings ✓
- Item I Give & bequeath to my Beloved Daughter Anna Smith the sum of five shillings ✓
- Item I Give & bequeath to my beloved son John Canon his second man & the third choice of a Cow — ✓
- Item I Give & bequeath unto my beloved son Job Canon the plantation on which I now live provided that he maintains the family as of course with the plantation tools & the old man & the small second man & black Horse I give him in trust for the use of the plantation & his choice of the two Cattle that is the Stallion Calf or the year old Calf with the next choice of a Cow and my Chest — ✓
- Item I Give & bequeath to my beloved son Joseph Canon one of the Cattle as of course after Job makes his choice & the next choice of the Cows —
- Item I Give & bequeath to my beloved son Samuel Canon the next choice of the Cattle.
- Item I Give & bequeath to my beloved son Benjamin Canon the next choice of the Cattle —
- Item I Give & bequeath to my beloved Daughter Martha the next choice of the Cattle & likewise recommend her to her Mother care and it is my will further & pleasure that the remainder of the Cattle & hogs be kept for the common use of the family.
- Item I Give, Grant, Transfer, Enfeoff & set over unto my Wife Martha my sons John & Job Canon to them their Heirs & assigns for ever all that Tract of Land called Teds plain joining the land I now live on in Trust nevertheless that the price thereof shall be applyed as hereafter specified viz that the sum of five pounds be given to each of my two youngest sons Samuel & Benjamin & the remainder with all monies due to my estate (after my lawful debts unpaid) to be equally divided amongst all my sons.
- And lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint my beloved wife Martha Canon & my sons John & Job Canon to be my whole & sole Executors of this my last will & Testament, hereby utterly revoking & disannulling all & every other former wills, Gifts & Bequests by me made either by word or writing, Ratifying & confirming this & no other to be

The sum of five shillings—

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved son John Canon his sword
man & the third choice of a Cow—

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Job Canon the plantations on which I now live provided that he maintains the family as ofore said with the plantations tools & the old mare & the small sword mare & saddle Horse I give him in trust for the use of the plantation & his choice of the two Catts that is the Stallion Catt or the year old Catt with the next choice of a Cow and my chest—

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved son Joseph Canon one of the Catts ifore said after Job makes his choice & the next choice of the Cows—

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved son Samuel Canon the next choice of the Catts.

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved son Benjamin Canon the next choice of the Catts—

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved Daughter Martha the next choice of the Catts & likewise recommend her to her Mother care and it is my Will that the remainder of the Catts & hogs be kept for the common use of the family—

Item I give, Grant, Transfer, Enfeoff & set over unto my Wife Martha my sons John & Job Canon to them their Heirs & assigns for ever all that Tract of Land called Todds plain joining the lands I now live on in Trust nevertheless that the price thereof shall be applyed as hereafter specified viz that the sum of five pounds be given to each of my two youngest sons Samuel & Benjamin & the remainder with all monies due to my Estate (after my lawful debts unpaid) to be equally divided amongst all my sons.

And lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint my beloved wife Martha Canon & my sons John & Job Canon to be my whole & sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament, hereby utterly revoking & annulling all & every other former Wills, Gifts & Bequests by me made either by word or writing Ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 13th day of October 1786.
Signed Sealed published and declared by the said

John Canon as his last Will & Testament who in this presence
and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names

John Garrison
James Canon
James Henry

John Canon

39 I William Clark of Mecklenburg County in N^o Carolina being
weak in body, but thro' divine goodness of sound & perfect mind and
Memory, calling to mind the uncertainty of my time in this Transitory
world & that it is appointed for all men once to die; Do make & ordain
this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, that is
to say first & singly I recommend my never dying & immortal souls into
the hands of my great creator, hoping & trusting for the pardon of all
my sins & acceptance thro' the merits & intercession of his dear son my
great Redeemer Jesus Christ hoping to enjoy a place of Rest with
him in Immortality; my body I commit to the earth to be decently
buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and as for
what worldly estate the said Creator has given me with & disposing in manner
& form following—

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First I order that my just debts & several charges be paid & discharged
by my Executors—

Then I give & devise all & singular my Tract of Land ^{situate on} I now live in the
County of Mecklenburg containing by estimation five hundred & fifteen acres
unto my three youngest sons William Joseph & Benjamin to be equa-
lly divided between them according to quality at the discretion
of my Executors with the assistance of my brother Joseph Clark
order & it is my Will that if Providence call either of my said
sons out of Time before they arrive to the age of Twenty one year or two
part is to be divided between the other two or the one that shall survive
I order & it my Will that my Executors do give unto my Daughter
Mannah when married in proportion to what my daughter charged
withance had when married—

Then I give & bequeath to my son James one young bay mare
black in her forehead and a hind white foot—

Then I give & bequeath unto my son James one Milch cow to be delivered
to him on my Executors last year after my Decease—