

Lastly I do constitute & appoint my beloved
wife Hannah Davidson & my two friends, Charles Alexander
and William Oest to be the executors of this my last will &
testament, and I do hereby revoke & disannul all former
wills & testaments by me made and declare this to be my last
will & testament. In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & seal this 20th day of August 1776
Signed sealed & published in the presence of us

James Alexander

William Oest

Charles Alexander

Arthur Davidson

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In the name of God Amen. I John Davidson of the
Province of North Carolina & County of Mecklenburg, being sick &
weak of body, but in perfect mind since & memory, thanks be given
to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it
is appointed for all men once to die; do make & ordain this my last
will & testament, that is to say Principally & first of all I give and
recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it
and my body I recommend to the earth to be decently interred 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 wherewith it hath
pleased God to bless me in this life I give & devise & dispose of the same
in the following manner & form -
I will & ordain to my wife Chary Davidson her bed & furniture & more
& a cow to be kept on the place as also her maintenance while she lives
as also the one third of the other furniture in the house, Reserving only
food & clothes - I also will to my son James Davidson ninety acres
off the best end of my plantation him paying the purchase money
of the same - I also bequeath to my son John Davidson a feather bed
& clothes & a cow - I also will to my son Thomas Davidson twenty
acres & a cow and a horse & a cow - I also will to my
son Hugh Bryson twenty pounds - Lastly I bequeath
my son Samuel Davidson the remainder of my plantation and

All my other effects him paying to my Legatee the several sums he owes & had
owed to them & the keeping of his mother & her House & also during her life &
also paying all my Debts. And in witness whereof I have set my hand &
seal this 15th day of January in the Year of our Lords 1778 —

James Davidson by
John Davidson } Executive

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of
James Clerk —
Andrew Morrison }

John Davidson *(Signature)*

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In the name of God Amen. This 15th day of October in the year of
our Lord 1780 I William Davidson of Craven County in the Province
of S^c Carolina (Ladysman) being very sick in body, but of perfect
mind & memory Thanks be to God therefor, calling unto mind
the mortality of mankinde & knowing that it is appointed for all
men once to die, I come & declare 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 wherewith it hath pleased God
to bless me in this life, I Give bequeath & dispose of the same in the
following manner and form —

And first I Will require & declare that sale be made of my Land and
that the price of the same be converted to the use of my son Wm to the
best advantage —

I Give & bequeath to Mary my Dearly & well beloved wife my
black mare with a saddle & bridle, together with a feather Bed
& furniture by her freely to be possessed & enjoyed, and also the use &
benefit of my bay horse & his harness of traps & all the Carriage together
with all my moveable or personal estate whatsoever by her freely
to be possessed & enjoyed during her widowhood, "after her marriage
all & every of the same Exclusion of the Black mare Saddle &
bridle together with the harness & furniture to be sold & the money