

I Testament, heretofore by me made or done, - first I recommend
my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian & decent man-
ner at the discretion of my Executors & my soul to God for accep-
tance thro' Christ's merits & righteousness - Next I will that all my
lawful debts be paid - Next I will & appoint that all my moveable
estate remain in the hands & under the care of my wife in order to
Acquire, Support & maintain my four youngest children Viz John
Samuel, Sarah & Daniel & that my wife have for herself one third
part of all my moveable estate & that I bequeath if my wife & children
shall by their industry pay for this Tract of Land on which I live that
then when my youngest son or child is come to age of twenty one years
that then said land & improvements shall be valued by three men
by them chosen for that purpose & its price or value equally divided
amongst my wife & four children as above ~~mentioned~~ named
& that any one of my children as above mentioned may purchase it & pay
the rest three share or otherwise it must be sold & the money arising
divided as above said, but if the Land is not paid for I appoint
that it be sold at the discretion of my Executors I also leave unto
Alexander & James Hutchinson my two eldest sons ten shillings
apiece - I also make & appoint Sarah Hutchinson my true &
 Loving wife & James Boyce in whose fidelity I trust my true &
lawful Executors of this my last will & Testament, the witnesses
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 17th day of
October in the Year of our Lord 1776 -

Witnessed, sealed, published & declared

In presence of us -

William Brown

Margaret Brown

W^m Hutton

John Hutchinson

In the name of God Amen, this 4th day of June in the Year 1793
John Hutchinson of the County of Northumberland in the State of North
Carolina, being sick & weak in body but of a sound mind
& memory, do hereby to God, & calling to mind the mortality of
my body, do hereby appoint for all once to die, do make

And Enjoin that my last will & Testament, list of recommendations
my Soul unto God who gave it, my body to the earth to be
buried in a decent Christian manner without pomp heaping
there the merits death & passion of my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ
to rise in the same at the general Resurrection by the mighty
power of God, & that as touching such worldly estate as it has
pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give & dispose of
in the following manner & form, It is my will & I order that
my last debts & duties, that I owe to be paid & satisfied —

Item I give & bequeath to my loving wife Jane my dwelling House
& all the furniture therein belonging to me with the plantation
on which it stands with all my negroes & stock of every kind in-
cluding all plantations & improvements during her natural life
Item I give & bequeath at my wife's death to my Grandson James
Davis the plantation on which I now live containing two hundred
acres including my buildings & living & improvements, the half of
my meadow (Reserving the half of my Crooked for the use of my son
William) a young negro woman named Fan two horn cattle
of her own choosing & as many plantation implements as will
be sufficient to carry on his farm a good feather bed & furniture
there to belonging a large chest & cupboard, the half of all respect
of cooking with one hundred acres of Western Land & if the said
James Davis should die before twenty one then above mentioned
to him to descend to my son William & his heirs to be the
said James Davis & his heirs & assigns, forever —

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved son William the Land on
which he now lives (Reserving the half of the meadow before mentioned
to James Davis with the half of my Crooked including his house
& living & improvements with the half of my barley patch & the
and assigns, forever be the same more or less —

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary at my
death my Negro woman named Jane & the other half of my
household furniture not before mentioned & to her heirs & assigns

Item I give & bequeath to my niece Nancy Henderson at my
death one Cow & to her heirs, forever —

Item It is my will & I order that at my death, I leave the

to receive the same at the general Resurrection by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give & dispose of in the following manner & form, It is my will & I order that my just debts & duties, that I owe to be paid & satisfied —

Item I give & bequeath to my loving wife Jane my dwelling house & all the furniture therein belonging to me with the plantation on which it stands with all my negroes & stock of every kind including all plantations implements during her natural life.

Item I give & bequeath at my wife's decease to my Grandson James Davis the plantation on which I now live containing two hundred acres including my buildings, living & improvements, the half of my meadow (Reserving the half of my brook for the use of my son William,) a young negro woman named Fan two horse carts of her own choosing & as many plantation implements as will be sufficient to carry on his farm a good feather bed & furniture therein belonging a large chest & cupboard, the half of all vessels of cookery with one hundred acres of Western land & if the said James Davis should decease before Twenty one all above mentioned to him to cleave to my son William & on John Astorson to be the said James Davis & his heirs & assigns, forever —

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved son William the Land on which he now lives Reserving the half of the meadow before mentioned to James Davis with the half of my brook including his buildings & improvements with the half of my barley patch & the half of my oxen & cows to be the same more or less —

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary at my decease my Negro woman named Jane & the other half of my household furniture not before mentioned to her heirs & assigns.

Item I give & bequeath to my niece Nancy Henderson at my decease one Cow & to her heirs, forever —

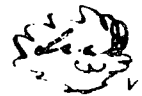
Item It is my will & I order that at my wife's decease the remainder of my Estate not before mentioned except the wages which I allow to be for the use of my son William & James & equally to enjoy to be sold including four horses two & cattle

Equally divided between my sons William, John & my daughter Mary
to their heirs, &c. — My sons it is my will & I order that each of
you take a special care of your helpless mother, consider what
an inducement for you in your infant state she born to you
thro' the course of life surmount her in all your visitations & also
take care of James Davis & may the Sovereign of the Heavens grant
each of you these blessings that is promised to the performers of such
duties — And lastly for the true Execution of this my last will
& Testament I appoint my loving sons William Henderson and
John Henderson my Executors hereby Revoking & disannul-
ling all former Wills & Legacies by me made either by word or
writing confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testament
In Witness whereof I have set my hand & seal This day & year
first above written — Signed Sealed & pronounced
by the said as his last will & Testament in presence
of Martha Lucas

John Henderson

William Graham

John Henderson



In the name of God Amen. This 18th day of September in the year of
our Lord 1778. I George Houston of the County of Middlebury, Being very
well & weak in body, but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto
God. Calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing
that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make & declare
this my last will & Testament, that is to say principally & first
of all I give & recommend my Soul into the hands of God that
gave it, And for my body I recommend it 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 by the mighty power of God, And as
touching such worldly estate wherewith I pleased Almighty
God to bless me in this life, I give, Devise & bequeath of the same
in the following manner & form. First it is my will
& I do Order that in the first place all my Just debts and
funeral charges be paid & satisfied — Then I give & bequeath