

In the Name of God Amie. I John Hunter Esq; of the County of Mecklenburg & State of N<sup>t</sup> Carolina in perfect health mind & memory, thanks be given unto God for the same, calling unto mind the mortality of my body & concerned from the increasing symptoms thereof that I daily feel therin many instances arising in the world & particularly from Gods infallible word that it is appointed unto man once to die. Do make & ordain this my last will & testament in the following manner & form Principally to v. i of all I recommend my soul into the hand of God that gave it desiring to trust in greatness of his mercy for pardon & sanctification & the merit of Christ. Of my body I command to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my surviving wife & sons or others near relations surviving. Nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of God; And as touching such wealth & estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give leave & despatch of the same in the following manner & form.

First I order & appoint that all my lawful debts be paid; Next I give bequeath to my loving wife Mary Hunter her maintenance of this bed, my land on which I now live during her life time & also a third part of the profits of this three hundred & fifty acres of Land on which I now live, likewise a good feather bed & bedstead with all its furniture - Likewise a horse or mare saddle & bridle to ride when & where she pleases & also the same room in my house during her life time to keep her except base - Next I will & bequeath to my loving son Robert Hunter a tract of Land on which he now lies, being a part of a tract of land purchased by me on which I now abounding from the one half of land the same more or less the line I made in the meadow I call to other without alteration the dividing line of said land to begin at the N E end of the meadow from thence to the hickory corner; Next I will & bequeath to my loving son in law Jamie Beatty one dollar -

Next I will & bequeath to my son Robert one dollar -

Next I will & bequeath to John Harris my son in law one dollar -

Next I will & bequeath to my loving daughter Rachael one dollar -

Next I will & bequeath to my loving daughter Agnes one dollar -

Next I will & bequeath to my loving daughter Rachael three cows to

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concerned from the ~~unconscious~~ ~~conscious~~ ~~power~~ ~~of~~ ~~that~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~say~~ ~~that~~ ~~I~~ ~~have~~ ~~in~~ ~~my~~ ~~instincts~~ ~~and~~ ~~in~~ ~~my~~ ~~conscience~~ ~~and~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~scriptures~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~word~~ ~~of~~ ~~God~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~written~~ ~~that~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~appointed~~ ~~unto~~ ~~men~~ ~~once~~ ~~to~~ ~~die~~. Do make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament in the following manner & form Principally as follows I recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it desiring to Rest in greatness of his Mercy for pardon & Sanctification in the merit of Christ. My body I commit to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my beloved wife & sons or others near relations surviving. Nothing hindering but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Almighty power of God; And as touching such well estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give leave & dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

First I order & appoint that all my lawful debts be paid; Next I will & bequeath to my loving wife Mary Hunter her maintenance of this estate my land on which I now live during her life time & also a third part of the profits of this three hundred & sixty acres of Land on which I now live, likewise a good feather bed & bedstead with all its furniture - Likewise a horse or mare saddle & bridle to ride when & where she pleases & also the south room in my house during her life time to her full receipt & use - Next I will & bequeath to my loving son Robert Hunter a tract of Land on which he now lies being a part of a tract of Land purchased by me on which I now abiding have the one half of said Land the same more or less the line I made in the meadow I allotted to them & shall attire from the succeeding line of said land to lay in at the N.E. end of the meadow from thence to the Hickory corner; Next I will & bequeath to my loving son in law James Neely one dollar -

Next I will & bequeath to my son Robert one dollar -

Next I will & bequeath to John Harris my son in law one dollar -

Next I will & bequeath to my loving daughter Rachel one dollar -

Next I will & bequeath to my loving daughter Agnes one dollar -

Next I will & bequeath to my loving daughter Rachael three cows & three calves & a horse or mare which she chooses saddle & bridle & good bed & bedding & all furniture belonging to it. Likewise her wheel & all her cloathing - Next I will & bequeath to my loving daughter Nancy three cows & three calves, likewise a young horse by her now claimed saddle

and be it known & declared & all in writing belonging to the  
 with her wheel & all her clothing. Next I will & bequeath to my son  
 John Hunter the farm whereon I now live including all my im-  
 plements with all my farming utensils. Likewise my Still & all  
 belongs to her, nevertheless he is to let his brother Robert have  
 use of said Still & vessels to still his own grain that is raised on  
 own plantation, likewise he is to let him have the half of that  
 of the crockett farm, likewise I will & bequeath to the above no  
 John Hunter all the remainder of horses, cows, Sheep & hogs & the  
 hats, furniture with my apprentice boy called James Nelson till  
 he comes to me complying & fulfilling to said Nelson all my prom-  
 t engagements to said servant. Likewise I will & ordain that my  
 daughters Rachel & Eliza Hunter have the full & free benefit of  
 house & room of my house without molestation, from any per-  
 son whatsoever & that they have their living as formerly in my House  
 I also appoint that the Scorn now in my possession stand with  
 the is for the use of the family & that my son John help his brot.  
 Robert to make a team if he require him so to do. Likewise I do  
 leave to my son John Hunter my Waggon & years shall have with  
 it. To John is to let his brother Robert have the use of said waggon  
 & cart when he stands in need of either to go to mill or do any  
 business on his plantation, provided that said Robert or any  
 person employed by them if they should break said waggon  
 or Cart, they shall make her at their own expence this to con-  
 ceue fifteen years & then said waggon & cart to remain finally in the  
 possession of John & next I will & ordain Alexander Porter and  
 James Neal after my last will & testament hereby revoking and  
 making next & void all other wills & testaments unto me by  
 me made before made & done in Testimony whereof I have  
 hereunto set my hand & seal this 3d day of May in the year  
 of our Lord 1790.

Signed, Sealed, Published, pronounced & declared  
 to be my last will & Testament in presence  
 of us the undersigned subscribing witnesses

James C. Edwards

Robert Hunter

John Hunter

Mecklenburg Co. NC Wills 1783-1844 my Still Hall do  
belong to her, ~~www.northcarolinajournalists.com~~ Brother Robert have  
use of said Still & agrees to still his own grain that is raised on  
our plantation, Likewise I will & agree to the above no  
of the crockett slaves, likewise I will & agree to the above no  
John Hunter all the remainder of horses, cows, Sheep & things that  
he has, furniture with my apprentice boy called James Nelson till  
he said John complying & fulfilling to said Nelson all my promi-  
& engagement to said servant. Likewise I will & order that my  
daughters Rachel & Bigriff Hunter have the full & free benefit of  
lower & & room of my house without molestation, from any per-  
whatsoever & that they have them living as formerly in my House  
I also appoint that the loom now in my possession shall be  
the is for the use of the family & that my son John help his brother  
Robert to make a loom if he require him so to do. Likewise I do  
leave to my Son John Hunter my Waggon & years & cart herewith  
it to John is to let his brother Robert have the use of said Wag-  
& Cart when he wants in need of either to go to mill or do any  
business on his plantation, provided that said Robert or person  
any person employed by them if they should break said Wag-  
& Cart, they shall make her at their own expence this to con-  
tinue fifteen years & then said Waggon & Cart to remain finally in  
(possession of John) Next I Will & ordain this under Porter an  
James Neal of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking and  
making void & void all other wills & Testaments before made  
my sole intention made & done in Testimony whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand & seal this 3d day of May in the year  
of our Lord 1790.

Signed, Sealed, Published, pronounced & declared  
to be my last will & Testament in presence  
of us the undersigned Subscribing witnesses

John E. Howell  
Robert Crockett }  
John Bigelow }

John Hunter 