

Mecklenburg Co. NC Wills 1783-1844  
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To my dear friends  
I have given them -  
to my dear friends  
the remainder of my effects  
as they are in favor  
of the cause of the oppressed  
and the exception of forty dollars in favor  
of the cause of the oppressed  
which I have left to you 1818 -  
Thomas Kirkpatrick son  
of Thomas Kirkpatrick  
son of Joseph Kerr of the State of North Carolina  
the State of Maryland, but son  
of my father

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Kerr of the State of Carolina  
County of South Carolina, being in a weakly state of Body, but sound  
mind & memory calling to remembrance the mortality of my body  
& approaching dissolution of it; Do think it convenient to con-  
-stitute this to be my last will & Testament; And first I recommend my  
soul into the hand of God, and my body to the earth to be decently  
interred therein at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting  
but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the  
mighty power of God who gave it; And as to such Temporal property  
as it has pleased the Lord to bless me with, I dispose of it in the  
following manner & form — I give & bequeath to my well beloved  
wife Margaret Kerr the whole of every kind of worldly property  
that I possess during her natural life, and to be disposed of at  
her death as she may think proper — And I constitute and  
appoint and make my well beloved wife Margaret Kerr &  
my beloved son William Kerr to be the whole & sole Executors  
of this my last will & Testament. In Testimony whereof I  
have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal This 11<sup>th</sup> day of June  
1818 In presence of  
Hugh Kerr  
Robert Kerr

Joseph Kerr

Witness of the County & State aforesaid  
State of Health, but then the me-  
morializing

Joseph Kern

1818 In presence of  
Hugh Kerr  
Robert Kerr

ss State of the Carolina } I John Handrick of the County of H. C. a free white  
Black land my County } being in a low state of Health, but that the merits  
of Almighty God, I enjoy the full use of my reason & understanding and  
calling to mind the mortality of man, Do make this my last will &  
testament, as to the worldly goods which God in his providence has  
bestowed to bestow to me, I will & bequeath in the following manner  
to wit, I leave to my beloved wife what the Handrick during her

material life or law. I have been conveyed to me by Zachariah Wilson  
 containing one hundred & twenty acres including the mansion house &  
 other improvements on said land & likewise ninety nine acres con-  
 veyed to me by Aaron Wilson joining the land of Frederick Dentkins,  
 Joshua Dentkins (now dead), & the above described one hundred &  
 twenty acres, also five Negroes viz Ben & his wife Hannah, Dora Mabel  
 & his wife Rody & their son Jacob, also three head of Horses to be chosen by  
 her out of the Stock on hand at the time of my decease, my riding horse  
 & harness, my Wagon & hind gear, one third part of my horned cattle  
 one third part of all my Stock of Hogs, ten head of sheep & all the fowls  
 on the plantation at my decease & likewise all my Household &  
 kitchen furniture or as much thereof as she may see proper to keep  
 for her own use except two beds & furniture for my two youngest  
 children hereinafter to be described, also my select watch & part of  
 my Library of books as she may think proper to choose for her own use  
 likewise two good plows, two axes two hoes & two Mattocks together  
 with as much provision as will be sufficient to support her & her  
 family & Stock for one year whether gathered in or growing at the time  
 of my decease as the case may be —

Secondly As to my son William Hendricks he has received his portion  
 of Land & also one Negro man named Solomon which Negro he has now  
 in his possession; I give & bequeath Negro to him & his heirs forever

Thirdly I give & bequeath to my son John F Hendricks two hundred acres  
 of Land whereon he now lives it being a part of a tract of Land I  
 purchased from F B Smartt for which he has a debt in his possession  
 also my Negro man Frank & Negro girl Eiley which he has in his  
 possession to him & his heirs forever —

Fourthly I give & bequeath to my son James Hendricks my Negro boy  
 Jonathan to him & his heirs forever. he has received his portion of  
 Land and disposed of the same heretofore —

Fifthly I give & bequeath to my son Ephraim Hendricks one hundred  
 & fifty acres of Land whereon he now lives, joining my son John & Big game  
 lands with my Negro boys Aaron, Jack who he has in his possession to  
 him & his heirs forever —

Sixthly I give & bequeath to my son Green Hendricks one hundred & ten acres

I, John Dentins (now dead) of the County of Mecklenburg do hereby give and bequeath one hundred & seventy acres, also five Negroes viz Ben & his wife Hannah, Dave Mick & his wife Reedy & their son Sarah, also three head of Horses to be chosen by her out of the Stock on hand at the time of my decease, my riding chair & Harness, my Wagon & hind gear, one third part of my horned cattle one third part of all my Stock of Hogs, ten head of sheep & all the tools on the plantation at my decease & likewise all my Hens to be taken permission or as much thereof as she may see proper to keep for her own use except two beds & furniture for my two youngest children hereinafter to be described, also my Silver watch & part of my Library of books as she may think proper to choose for her own use likewise two good plows, two axes two hoes & two Mattocks together with as much provision as will be sufficient to support her & her family & Stock for one year whether gathered in or growing at the time of my decease as the case may be —

Secondly As to my son William Hendrick he has received his portion of Land & also one Negro man named Solomon which Negro he has now in his possession; I give said Negro to him & his Heirs forever

Thirdly I give & bequeath to my son John F. Hendrick two hundred acres of Land whereon he now lives it being a part of a tract of Land I purchased from Thos Smartt for which he has a plat in his possession also my Negro man Frank & Negro girl Eley which he has in his possession to him & his Heirs forever —

Fourthly I give & bequeath to my son James Hendrick my Negro boy Christian to him & his Heirs forever. he has received his portion of Land and disposed of the same heretofore —

Fifthly I give & bequeath to my son Ephraim Hendrick one hundred & fifty acres of Land whereon he now lives, joining my son John & Reuben land with my Negro boys Baron & Jack who he has in his possession to him & his Heirs forever —

Sixthly I give & bequeath to my son Green Hendrick one hundred & ten & three fourths of the acres of Land which I purchased Gardner Swales it being the two thirds of the land of John Green Dec'd which fell to his two daughters Reb & Emilia together with my Negro boy Meredith & fifty dollars in money to him & his Heirs forever —

Seventhly, I give & bequeath to my daughter Ann Hendrick one hundred and Eleven Acre of Land conveyed to me by Lupton Hysam & Thirty Acre of Wood Land conveyed to me by Aaron Wilson joining the above one hundred & Eleven Acre also my negro boy Adam, one young saddle horse the new chairs as has a saddle & bridle one good feather & furniture bedstead & Couch together with fifty dollars in money to him this Heirs forever  
Eighthly, I give & bequeath to my daughter Ruby Smith two negro girls which she has now in her possession viz, Meriah & Diana together with their present & future increase & likewise whatever property she has received from me heretofore to her & her Heirs forever.

Ninthly, I leave to my daughter Cherment Mowbray the use of my two negro girls ~~viz~~ ~~during~~ during her natural life the use of my four negroes viz, Venice & Hannah & Venice two Children Rachel & Sarah which she has now in her possession & their increase together with what other property she has received from me & at her death to be equally divided among her children to them & their Heirs forever.

Tenthly, I leave to my daughter Larry Hendrick the use of my two negro girls, viz, Fanny & Coby during her natural life together with their increase & one good feather bed & furniture bedstead & Couch & twenty five Dollars in money and at her death to be equally divided among the Heirs of her own body to them & their Heirs forever, But in case she should die before she has lapped up of her own body, in that case my will is that the property above named & described with its increase if any shall be equally divided among her brothers & sisters or their Heirs.  
Eleventhly, Whatever property I may have given to my five sons William, John, James, Ephraim & Aaron & not mentioned in this will consisting of Household furniture &c. I now confirm to them and their Heirs forever.

Twelfthly, My will is further that at the death of my beloved wife or marriage all the Land owned to her be divided between my two sons Green Hendrick & Thomas Hendrick in such a manner as to include the dwelling house in Moore or Division & running the Division line so as to make their lands as near equal in value as possible taking into view the land bequeathed to them both.  
Thirteenthly, my will is that all & every part of my property not before mentioned above (after paying all my just debts) be equally

~~And I have~~ <sup>to give them</sup> ~~the best of the~~ <sup>the best of the</sup> ~~pioneers,~~ <sup>pioneers,</sup> ~~com~~ <sup>com</sup>

Eighthly I give & bequeath to my daughter Louise Smith her negro girls which she has now in her possession viz, Mariah & Diana together with their present & future increase & likewise whatever property she has received from me herebefore to her & her heirs forever.

Monthly I loan to my daughter Margaret Mowbray the use of my ~~own~~ <sup>own</sup> ~~private~~ <sup>private</sup> ~~library~~ <sup>library</sup> during her natural life the use of my four negroes viz  
Denise & Hannah & Dennis two children Rachel & Sarah which she has  
now in her possession & their increase to gotten with what other property  
she has ~~possessed~~ <sup>possessed</sup> from me & at her death to be equally divided among her  
children to them & their heirs forever

Tenthly I leave to my Daughter Lucy Bondrick the use of my two Negro Girls, viz, Fanny & Coby during her natural life together with their increase & one good feather bed & furniture bedstead & Cord & twenty five Dollars in money and at her death to be equally divided among the Heirs of her own body to them & their Heirs forever, But in case she should die before she has lawful issue of her own body, in that case my will is that the property above located & described with its increase if any shall be equally divided among her brothers & Sisters or their Heirs.

Eleventhly. Whatever property I may have given to my five sons William, John, James, Ephraim & Isaac & not mentioned in this will consisting of Household furniture &c. &c. I now confirm to them and their Heirs forever.

Twelfthly. My will is further that at the death of my beloved wife or marriage all the lands leased to her be divided between my two sons Green Hendrick & Thomas Hendrick in such a manner as to include the dwelling house in Hoosier Division & running the Division line so as to make their lands as near equal in value as possible taking into view the land bequeathed to them last —

Thirteenth my will is that all & every part of my property not particularly mentioned above (after paying all my just debts) be equally divided among my nine Children viz William, John, James, Ephraim, Green, James, Leroy, ~~William~~ & Leroy or to their heirs also all the personal property leased to my wife at her death or marriage to be divided in like manner as above described —

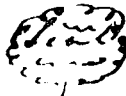
14<sup>th</sup> ~~Although the above is my personal wish~~ it is my pleasure  
to make the following distinction viz; that the personal property  
that may fall to my daughter Margaret Wendon agreeable to the  
first article I mean to her during her natural life and at her  
death to be equally divided with their increase among her children  
to them & their heirs forever— 15<sup>th</sup> And it likewise is my will that the  
personal property that may fall to my daughter Lucy Kendrick  
agreeable to the first article of this my will I mean to her during  
her natural life with the increase and at her death to be equally  
divided among the heirs of her own body to them & their heirs forever  
but in case she should die leaving no heirs of her own body, then  
& in that case my will is that the above named property with its  
increase be equally divided among her brothers & sisters or their heirs  
in lastly I constitute & appoint my son in law Joseph Smith  
sole executor of this my last will & testament, declaring this to  
be my last will, as witnesses whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand & seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1829

Signed & sealed in presence of

James Perkins

H H Glover

Fred Perkins

John Kendrick 

23 In the name of God Amen, I Hugh Kirkpatrick of the County  
of Mecklenburg & State of N<sup>c</sup> Carolina, being in a sick & low condition  
but of sound & disposing mind have thought proper to make this  
my last will & testament as follows, After the payment of my just  
Debts & funeral expenses— I bequeath to my wife Margaret Kirk  
Kirkpatrick a comfortable maintenance out of my Estate during her  
life or widowhood & to her the farm & Mansion house where I  
now live, but provided she should marry I allow her to draw a  
child's part out of my Estate & no more— I bequeath to my sons  
John & James the plantation on old Michael's creek adjoining  
the plantation on which James Boyse now lives, if this plantation  
should be to them more than an equal share of the Estate they shall  
pay in proportion to the other Legates if less they shall draw in