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" In the name of God Amen. I John Patterson of the County
of Mecklenburg State of North Carolina, being very sick & weak
of body & mind I request my said Executors to be with me
God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing
that it is appointed for all men to die, Do make and
Acknow this my last Will & Testament: That is to say principally
& first of all, I give & recommend my soul into hands of Almighty
God that care it & my body I recommend to the earth to be
buried in decent Christian burial 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 & as touching
such worldly estate where with it has pleased God to bless
me in this life, I give Devise & dispose of the same in the follow-
ing manner & form — First, I give & bequeath to my
beloved wife the plantation where on I live
together with two work Horses & a plow & gear her saddle
& her wheel & her bed & her bedding & her furniture belonging
my said wife & all her household furniture & also one
cow & calves on my plantation & also one Negro Girl
that is now in my plant & on my own which name is
said girl I give & bequeath to my said wife & she
beloved wife during her widowhood. & after my decease
the said child to be in the custody of my said wife — Now I give &
bequeath to my beloved son Robert Patterson one hundred & thirty
acres of land at or near the last survey of the same in the
plantation where it is most convenient to me & that at
my death or the death of my said son Robert Patterson
he should have the same & I give & bequeath to my said son
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convenient is the plantation he now lives on known by the name of
 Esperanza place. At his mother's marriage in December 1791 to my be-
 loved son Alexander Patterson my own Negro woman named Dinah, & one
 young Negro Girl named Nancy & the plantation I now live on & my
 wages & fees to be on the plantation, for the use of the family -
 Also I give to my beloved Grand daughter Elizabeth Lawrence one bay Horse
 now on my plantation named Toby said to be sold by my Executors & the
 money arising from the sale of said to be kept on said plantation for the
 use of said Elizabeth Lawrence till she is come of age - And I do also
 Give & bequeath to my beloved Grand son John Patterson one hundred acres
 of Deciduous land to be surveyed by my Executors of the upper end of the ad-
 joining tract I now live on with the improvement that is belonging to said
 hundred acres of land & as better improvements to this improvement as may be
 convenient by some in high demand of Deciduous land I do hereby give
 in case of my death, to said John Patterson all my claims to the age
 of thirty & then to be given into his hands with full liberty to sell or
 during his life, & at his death to descend to his, or to his heirs
 no part of my estate to the second Elizabeth Lawrence
 I do also give to my beloved Grand daughter Elizabeth Lawrence
 & one, & a half, & a half, & a half - I do also give bequeath to my beloved
 & adopted son John Lawrence James & sister the Cost my Daughter
 others children the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars each to be
 paid out of my estate - I do also give to my beloved Grand daughter
Elizabeth Lawrence the sum of my son Charles & my wife the sum of three hundred
 and fifty dollars to be paid out of my estate - I do also give bequeath
 to my beloved Grand son John Lawrence the sum of three hundred and fifty
 dollars to be paid out of my estate - I do also give to Robert Patterson one
 acre and a half of my estate - And I give to the Cow the whole
 and the rest of my estate after my lawful debts & funeral charges is paid
 to my beloved wife Elizabeth Lawrence & my beloved daughter Elizabeth Lawrence
 to be divided equally between my two sons Patrick
 & John - I do also give to my beloved Grand daughter Elizabeth Lawrence
 & my beloved Grand son John Lawrence & my beloved Grand son John Lawrence

Robert & Alexander Patterson the sole Executors of this my last will & Testament, And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannul all & every other, former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, Bequests & Executions upon in any wise before named Wills & Bequests without Maturing & Confirming this & no other as my last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 16th day of November in the year of our Lord 1786.

And all my books & Estates I give to my two sons Robert & Alexander Patterson to be equally divided between them. Since death hath taken his command & departed by the side of John Patterson as his last will & Testament in the presence of us who in his presence & in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names

James Chisler

James Patterson

James Patterson

John Patterson



In the name of God Amen, The first day of May in the year of our Lord 1783 That I John Patterson of the County of Lincoln & Province of Pennsylvania being of legal age, full of body, but of perfect mind, & being sick & weak for his meries, therefore calling to mind the necessity of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, first I commend my soul into the hands of God who gave it, & my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the discretion of my Executors and as touching such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to give me with in this life, I do dispose of in the following manner & form principally & first of all it is my will & I do allow all my just debts & personal charges to be paid & satisfied. In witness whereof It is my will & I do order that my son James Patterson the younger of his present current money to be levied out of my Estate Here It is my will & I do order that my son William Patterson the younger of thirty hundred current money to be levied out of my Estate