

mind & my thanks be given to God. Therefore do make it and use
this my last will & Testament principally & first of all I recom-
mend my soul to the hands of God that give it, & my body to be
buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the discretion
of my executors, as touching such worldly goods as I have, I leave
God to bless me with in this life. I give & bequeath the
following manner. First let all my lawful debts be paid
Imprimis To my well beloved Cousins Robert & Thomas Patton
each one of them their choice one one mark & toll each one
paying three pounds - Then To my Cousins Lillie and
Mary & Elizabeth Patton to each one Dollar - Then, to my
well beloved Aunt Lillie Williams one ten year old
black mare. Then And the remainder of my estate. The first
part my well beloved Brother William Patton &
the other third to my beloved Brother Michael Patton
James Patton I constitute & appoint to be my sole executor
of this my last will & Testament - Given under my hand &
seal the day & year above written

Witness present

William Hagens

William Linn

William Brown

Thomas Patton (Seal)

In the name of God Amen. I John B. of North
Carolina, being of sound mind & memory, do hereby
publish this my last will & Testament in manner following, to wit:
That I recommend my soul to the Lord, almighty God,
that give it, hoping to, and may be, in my body I re-
commend it to the Lord to be buried in a decent like
manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named
and it is my will that my just debts & funeral
expenses be the first paid & discharged -
Then I give & bequeath unto my beloved Son Benjamin

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& convey to my said son Parul Phipps the said land in
as full & ample a manner as he is entitled to me -

Item I give bequeath & demise unto my beloved daughter Margaret
Phipps her heirs Executors Administrators or assigns a certain tract
of about 1000 acres of land lying on both sides of English Buffalo creek
joining on the upper side of Massachusetts Pennings land lying conveyed
to me by John Pendergast lying in Rowan County -

Item I give bequeath & demise unto my beloved daughter Ann Eliza
Phipps her heirs Executors Administrators or assigns two tracts of land lying
on big Ledbetter creek nearly joining each other the one known by
the name of Christoph Waller's old place the other known by the
name of the meeting house land -

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Catharine Phipps during
her life a tract of land lying on the three mile branch, being
about 1000 acres of Michael Goodright to the end that the said
Catharine is to have full liberty & accepts to act & do as she shall
think, it during her life time & in profits & advantages to be due
to her. Provided she does not ask & demand her right of
dowry in & on any other of my land which are willed to be willed
& after her death the said land is to be sold to the best advantage
& the money so arising from such sale to be equally divided
between the said Charles Phipps, Elizabeth Phipps & Ann Eliza Phipps
Phipps & it is likewise my will that such land as are willed to
my said Ch. P. as above is to be sold & willed from year to
year & the proceeds of each child's part is to be applied to the end of
clothing & schooling & schooling them untill they shall come of age

Item I give & bequeath unto my son Parul a negro fellow named
John & also a negro woman named Jude together with their heirs
except the first child the said Jude shall be obligated if which
is to be in the hands of as shall be hereafter mentioned -

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter the Margaret Phipps a
negro fellow named Charles & negro woman named Henry together
with their heirs that the shall hereafter have -

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Ann Eliza Phipps
a negro boy named Charles & the first born child of the said

the above mentioned land.

I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife a negro fellow named
Walt & a negro girl named Dora also it is further my will that if
any of my children should die before he or she shall be of
full age that then & in that case the Estate of the deceased shall be
equally divided between the survivors or survivors of my children
and further it is my will that so long as my said wife does continue
to live single then the capacity of a widow she may continue
to live on the premises which I have hitherto lived on & have
all the profits of mills & plantations only to make no distinction
use of timber except so much as will be wanting for repairing
& keeping the farms & plantations in good order & for house use to
the end that she shall rear my children but in case she should
alter her station of life & marry, it is then my will & meaning that
my said children shall be under the care & directions of my
executors herein after mentioned & that as soon as they shall direct
her my said wife to quit the said premises unto them the Executors
of my will upon which they are forth with directed to vest &
lease the said premises as above mentioned, & further as touching
my Personal estate it is my will that as soon as my debts is
paid my funeral expenses discharged & my Executors each receive
the sum of Ten pounds as an acknowledgment to them together with
a reasonable allowance, in their traveling that whatever there is
remaining if any, it is my will that the one third part of my said
personal Estate be given to my said wife, the remaining two thirds
to be divided equally between my children, it is also my will
I do humbly request my Executors to take all reasonable pains
to have my in, & mentioned children instructed in the Christian
Faith & to have a reasonable Education & particularly my said
son David to be put thro' a liberal Education & College if there
be any deficiency of my personal Estate left to his share, also
I do hereby direct a tract of land lying on the head of Little Lake
water commonly called Lewis place to be sold & disposed of by my
Executors & the money arising from such sale to be applied to the
of the paying of some debts & improving the land on
I have here in the name of my said Personal Estate if to be divided

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to have my in, mentioned children instructed in the Christian
Faith & to have a reasonable Education & to purchase my said
son Paul to be put thro' a liberal Education & College if there
be any sufficiency of my personal Estate left to his share, also
I do hereby direct a tract of Land lying on the head of Little Cold
water commonly called Quins place to be sold & disposed of by my Ex-
ecutors & the money arising from such sale to be applied to the
of the purchasing of some Vacancies adjoining the land on
I have here in the name of my son Paul & if to be disposed
The proprietor & if not to be applied to the use of my said son

Paul Piper in schooling him as to be done, a part of his estate
and I do hereby nominate & appoint my Honoured father & Mother
(Piper & my Honoured Father in law Paul Berrington to by my consent
of this my last will & Testament, Resolving all other ~~last~~ &
Testaments heretofore by me made, for Testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & seal the 17th day of August 1775
Signed Sealed & sealed with my own hand and
published as my last will & Testament.

Benjamin Pelton }
W^m Wallace }
Samuel Pelton }

John Piper



" In the Name of God Amen, I Charles Patterson of Nashlebury
County in the Province of North Carolina, being very sick & weak in body
and of perfect mind & memory thanks be to God, belling 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 & recommend my
soul into the hand of God that gave it, & my body I recommend
to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors nothing
standing 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 has pleased God to bless me
in this life, I give devise & dispose of the same in the following
manner & form - First I give & bequeath unto my beloved
wife Sarah all my beds, Bedcloaths & cloths & all the furniture
thereunto belonging & all her own wearing apparel with one petticoat
& chest & dress, & all the furniture thereunto belonging & all the
household furniture & one bay mare called Jack
& one two year old Colt & one brown saddle & bridle & also two three
year old horses that now give milk with their own colts & one
two year old heifer of a red colour & one three year old steer of a
brindled colour & also I allow my wife a living upon the
plantation as long as she remains my widow & I give to her my
widow's share of all the grain in the place my present self, corn, peas

Testaments heretofore by me made, In Testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & seal the 14th day of August 1775
Signed Sealed & sealed with my own hand and
published as my last Will & Testament.

Benjamin Patton }
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Samuel Patton }

John Piper 

" In the Name of God Amen, I Charles Patterson of Mecklenburg
County in the Province of North Carolina, being very sick & weak in body
and of perfect mind & memory thanks be to God, calling to mind the
mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men
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brindle colour & also I allow my wife a living upon the
plantation as long as she remains my widow & I give to her
and wife all the grain on the place viz Wheat, Barley, Corn, flax
and all sorts of Vegetables for the use of my wife & children
& one sow & four hogs & all the Litter that I have to be
for the use of my family & one Beehive & one cow & one
goat

And I give & bequeath to my beloved friend Joseph Need
 my brown lined off clothes in paying the value of them to my
 son John for the use of my son John, & I give & bequeath to my
 beloved James Deason my lead colored breeches he paying
 nothing the remainder of my apparel I give & bequeath to
 my son John together with my hats & stock clothes & the remain-
 der of my estate I desire to be sold & c., paying my just
 debts & funeral charges I allow the remainder to be divided
 into three equal parts to be part to my wife & two children
 in childrens parts to be part to my wife & two children
 at age. And I give & constitute make & ordain my
 beloved wife Sarah Patterson & Joseph Need & Joseph
Lawrence my executors of this my last will & testament
 & I do hereby disallow, revoke & disannul all other former
 testaments, wills, legacies, bequests & assignments by me in any
 written or oral manner, Ratifying & confirming this & none but
 this to be my last will & testament in witness whereof I
 have hereunto put my hand & seal this 19th day of September 1775
 signed sealed published pronounced & attested to be
 his last will & testament in the presence of us

James Deason
 William Smith
 Samuel Smith

Charles Patterson



In the name of God Amen I James Potts of New-
 bury County N^o Carolina being weak in body but of sound
 perfect memory do make & ordain this my last will & testament & desire it
 may be executed by all as aforesaid, I most devoutly believe
 my soul to God my maker & body to the earth from whence
 it was taken in full assurance of to return at the last day
 know the Almighty power & goodness of God as, in my funeral
 I desire it may be performed to be as the best with the economy
 as the discretion of my dear wife & my children & her
 memorial with I desire it not to be managed it with all reg-
 ularity & that all my said debts be paid & my