

to be distributed as she shall think proper

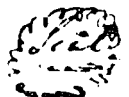
Lastly I do nominate Ordain & appoint my beloved Brother Samuel Knox & his two said friends Hugh Hadden sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament all & singular my lands Messuages & Tenements to be justly Executed & I likewise appoint if necessary Nelson & James Boyce as Guardians for the Children. And I do hereby disclaim revoke & disannul all & every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, bequests & Executors by me in any way before named, Willed & bequeathed, ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 30th day of March in the year of our Lord 1772 Signed, sealed, published & pronounced by the said

John Knox as his last Will & Testament in presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names

William Kerr

Thomas Orr

James Sharpley

John Knox 

North Carolina Mecklenburg County. In the name of God Amen
The 8th day of April in the Year of our Lord 1777 I Joseph Kennedy
of North Carolina in the County of Mecklenburg Gentlemen, being very
sick & weak in body, but of perfect mind & memory Thanks be to God
therefore, calling unto mind the Mortality of my body & knowing that
it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make & Ordain this my
Will & Testament that to say principally & first of all I give & recom-
mend my soul into the hands of God that gave it to me & for my
body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like man-
ner at the direction & discretion of my Executors nothing doubting
but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by
the mighty power of God, And as Touching such worldly Estate which
I have at this present God to bless me in this life I give & devise
the same of the same in the following manner & form
to-wit: It is my Will & I Order that in the first place all my
Just debts to be paid & funeral charges to be paid & satisfied
Then I Wills & bequeath to my beloved wife Esther Kennedy the

plantation on which I now live & which contains 212 acres
on the waters of four miles creek clearing her life. I also allow
her the said Esther Kennedy the use of the negro woman named
Phillis untill my son Joseph Kennedy comes to the years of
Twenty one. I also allow the use of the negro fellow named
Nero to the said Esther Kennedy untill my son David Kennedy
comes to the years of Twenty one. I also allow the use of the negro
woman named Hannah untill such time as my son Samuel
comes to the years of Twenty one to the said Esther Kennedy.
I also allow the said Esther Kennedy the use of the fourth
part of my personal estate, & also the fourth part of the use
of such real estate I shall mention hereafter to be sold. I also
allow the said Esther Kennedy the Placed mare saddle & bridle
& bed & bed clothes, & I order the said Esther Kennedy to main-
tain clothe each of my sons Joseph, David & Samuel Kennedy
untill such times as they come at the age of 19 years of age
what learning they get till that time, let it be deducted out of
their patrimony the said children to be constantly kept at
school as their capacities will admit of -

Item I Will & bequeath to my son Joseph Kennedy 116 acres of Land
upon the waters of four miles Creek & also another tract of Land
containing 85 acres of Land adjoining to the above 116 commonly
known by the name of the round bottom & I also allow him to
get the fourth part of my personal estate & the fourth part of such
real estate as I shall order to be sold, that is to say the fourth part
of what it is sold for. I also allow him to have the negro woman
named Phillis when he comes at the age of Twenty one & as
soon as he the said Joseph Kennedy comes to the years of 14
then to be sent to the Latin school & so to continue at such learning
untill such time as he is laborably educated the expensing of this
education to be deducted out of his patrimony -

I Will & bequeath to my son David Kennedy two tracts of Land
containing five hundred & fifty acres one of the tracts containt 350 acres
& the other 200 acres formerly the property of Charles a Mason. I also
allow him to have the negro fellow named Nero when he comes
to the years of Twenty one or otherwise my executors to dispose of the

Twenty one. I also allow the said Esther Kennedy within my son David Kennedy
here to the said Esther Kennedy within my son David Kennedy
comes to the age of Twenty one. I also allow the use of the negro
woman named Hannah until such time as my son Samuel
comes to the years of Twenty one to the said Esther Kennedy.
I also allow the said Esther Kennedy the use of the fourth
part of my personal estate, & also the fourth part of the use
of such real estate I shall mention hereafter to be sold I also
allow the said Esther Kennedy the Placed more saddle & bridle
& bed & bed clothes, & I order the said Esther Kennedy to man-
tain the care of my sons Joseph, David & Samuel Kennedy
until such times as they arrive at the age of 15 years of age
what learning they get till that time, but it be deducted out of
their patrimony the said children to be constantly kept at
school as their expenses will admit of - -
I will & bequeath to my son Joseph Kennedy 116 acres of Land
upon the waters of four miles Creek & also another tract of Land
containing 85 acres of Land adjoining to the above 116 commonly
known by the name of the round bottom & I also allow him to
get the fourth part of my personal estate. & the fourth part of such
real estate as I shall order to be sold, that is to say the fourth part
of what it is sold for. I also allow him to have the negro woman
named Phyllis when he arrives at the age of Twenty one & as
soon as he the said Joseph Kennedy comes to the years of 14
then to be put to the Latin school & so to continue at such learning
until such time as he is laborably educated the expensing thereof
to be deducted out of his patrimony -
I will & bequeath to my son David Kennedy two tracts of Land con-
taining five hundred & fifty acres one of the tracts containing 230 acres
& the other 300 acres formerly the property of Charles Watson. I also
allow him to have the negro fellow named Nero when he comes
the years of Twenty one or otherwise my executor to dispose of the
negro fellow & take the money & purchase a young Negro. I also will
the said David Kennedy to have the fourth part of my personal estate
& the fourth part of the money arising from such real estate as

I shall order to be ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~said~~ ^{said} ~~David~~ ^{David} ~~Kennedy~~ ^{Kennedy} to have the first child
 the wench Phillis has or the first child the negro wench Hannah has
~~I allow the said David~~ I also Order the said David Kennedy to be put
 to the Latin School & remain at such learning untill he receives
 Liberal Education if his capacity will admit of it the expence
 to be deducted out of his patrimony from the years of service
 I will & bequeath to my son Samuel Kennedy one Lot in the Town of
 Charlotte Containing Six rods front & he live rods back in the street
 called Trade Street bound on each side by John Spruiston & Daniel
 Cain with the improvement of a brick house on it & other improvements
 & as the house is not finished it is my Order that the house may be
 finished in a decent manner & that at the expence of the Estate in
 general, I also allow my said son Samuel Kennedy to have the
 negro wench named Hannah against he comes to the years of 21
 & also I allow him the fourth part of my personal Estate & the fourth
 part of the money arising from such real Estate as I shall order to
 be sold & when he arrives to the years of service then to be put to
 the Latin School & there to remain at such Learning untill he
 receives Liberal education if his capacity will admit of it
 the expences of such Education to be deducted out of his patri-
 mony. I also allow my son Samuel Kennedy to have the plantation
 I now live on containing two hundred acres on the waters of four miles
 back whereon the Mansion House stands at the death or Decese of his
 mother Esther Kennedy & then two thirds of the slave an of his mother
 I ordered the said Samuel Kennedy is to pay to his brother Joseph
 Kennedy the sum of fifty pounds, Also the said Samuel Kennedy
 is to pay the same time to his brother David Kennedy the sum
 of fifty pounds — I also allow my Executors It is my Will that
 my Executors make sale of Six hundred acres land upon the
 waters of the Catawba including the Mountain Island, Also four
 hundred acres upon the Twelve mile creek, Also one hundred acres
 lying on the great road leading to Charleston within one mile
 of Widow Harris, Also one hundred acres on the middle fork of
 the River & also three Lots in the Town of Charlotte & all the
 personal estate I am now possed of The money arising from the

to be replaced out of his patrimony from the years of fourteen
I will & bequeath to my son Samuel Kennedy one Lot in the Town of
Charlotte containing Six rods front & be close rods back in the street
called Trade Street bounded on each side by John Spruiston & Daniel
O'Brien with the improvement of a brick house on it & other improvements
& as the house is not finished it is my Order that the house may be
finished in a decent manner & that at the expense of the Estate in
general, I also allow my said son Samuel Kennedy to have the
negro Wench named Hannah against he arrives to the years of 21
& also I allow him the fourth part of my personal Estate & the fourth
part of the money arising from such real Estate as I shall order to
be sold & when he arrives to the years of fourteen then to be sent to
the Latin School & there to remain at such Learning untill he
receives Liberal education if his capacity will admit of it
the expenses of such Education to be reimbursed out of his patri-
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mother Esther Kennedy & then two years of the education of his mother
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is to pay the same time to his brother David Kennedy the sum
of fifty pounds — I also allow my executors It is my will that
my executors make sale of Six hundred acres land upon the
waters of the Catawba including the Man Tain Island, Also four
hundred acres upon the Twelve mile creek, Also one hundred acres
lying on the great road leading to Charleston within one mile
of Widows Hares, Also one hundred acres on the middle fork of
the River & also three Lots in the Town of Charlotte & all the
personal estate I am now possid of the money arising from the
sale to pay off any debts there is & the remainder of the money to be
equally divided between my beloved wife Esther Kennedy &
my three sons Joseph & David & Samuel Kennedy The Childs
money to be sent to school untill such times as it is necessary

for the use of the children. And it is my will that if any of my three sons should die without issue then his Estate real & personal be Equally divided between the other two. And the same I desire should be if there is any of them alive provided there be no issue signed sealed & delivered in presence of us --

Joseph Kennedy 
 I shew for my executor my beloved wife
 Esther Kennedy Thomas, David and John
 Kennedy & also Mary Curran --

And it is also my will that the plantation that lies in pen
 sylvania in Hanover Township be sold & equally divided
 between my beloved wife & my three sons Joseph, David
 & Samuel Kennedy & also all Legacies to be divided in the
 same manner as above directed
 signed sealed in presence of

Mary Baldwin
 Mary Curran
 Jane Pratt

Joseph Kennedy 

so In the name of God Amen. I Michael Kline of Mecklenburg
 County in the State of N. Carolina, being mindful of the
 frailty & mortality of human nature & that it is appointed for
 all men once to die, not considering the uncertainty of the time
 & my being weak in body, but in perfect mind memory &
 understanding I make this my last will & Testament in man
 ner & form following, that is to say first I recommend my
 soul unto Almighty God who gave it me & my body to the
 earth there to be buried according to the direction of my friends
 next, in, named in here & certain hope that it will be raised
 up to everlasting life at the end of the world thro' the merits of our
 Lord Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, And as touching my worldly estate
 as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give, bequeath, devise
 & dispose of as here followeth. First I give & bequeath unto my
 beloved wife, Catherine one third of all my moveable Estate & also
 her bed, her spinning wheel & a cow & calf likewise her seat on me