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In the name of God Amen, I Joseph Moore of Mecklenburg County
in S Carolina being in a declining state of health, but of sound
mind & memory, thank be to God for long respected merits, and knowing
all must die, do therefore make this my last will & testament viz
I recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it, believing that
I shall receive the same again at the general resurrection by the
mighty power of God - And my body to the Earth dust to dust -
And as touching such worldly estate as God hath blessed me with
in this life I dispose of in the following manner viz
I suppose It is my will & pleasure that my dear, beloved wife Mary
shall or may live separately in my house & enjoy the profits of the
farm with the assistance of Negro Jack & such Horses, Cattle & farming
tools, of Mecklenburg as my three male Executors hereafter appointed
shall assign off to her together with such household & kitchen furniture
as they may also think she needs, all which shall inure to her living
life or beyond the same - provided that should my said wife die before
Election, School, &c. ^{Mecklenburg Co. NC Wills 1783-1844}
and provided also ^{www.virginiaphoneprs.net} that my said three
Executors do sell off as much of my goods & Chattels as they may
Judge sufficient to pay off all debts, & other necessary expenses, &
such other goods as they may Judge the family & farm can spare
And also that they the said three do appraise & divide the remain-
der of my goods & Chattels, including all the goods & Chattels
which they have assigned off for the widow & farm as a way the
cost of the said farm. Then my said wife Mary shall have one
seventh part, and the remainder. Then six parts shall be divided
equally among our said six Children, Winty Moore, Joseph D.
James D. Lucinda D. Parissa D. & Ephraim Moore, and if said Jack
should prove stubborn & refractory & then my said son Ephraim
do sell him his price to be divided as above. Then I will &
Bequeath unto my seven married Children who is already
settled of viz To John Moore, Mary Turner, Margaret Moore,
George Moore, Jane Hill, Sarah Dickson, & Esther Dickson to each
every of them the sum of one silver dollar. Then I recommend
to my Executors to by my dear Joseph & I do now to be able to pay

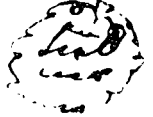
12. In the Name of God Amen I Joseph & Moore of Mecklenburg County
in S^t Carolina being in a declining State of health, but of sound
mind & memory, thank to God for long & prosperous life, and knowing
all must die, do therefore make this my last will & Testament viz
I recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it, believing that
I shall receive the same again at the general resurrection by the
mighty power of God - And my body to the Earth. Dearest to me -
And astonishing such worldly Estate as God hath blessed me with
in this life I dispose of in the following manner viz
First It is my will & pleasure that my dear, beloved wife Mary
shall or may live peacefully in my house & enjoy the profits of the
farm with the assistance of Negro Jack & such Horses, Cattle & farming
tools of Mecklenburg as my three male Executors hereafter appointed
shall assign off to her, together with such household & kitchen furniture
as they may also think she needs, all which shall inure to her living
life or to her widowhood - provided that she my said wife do support &
Cloath, School &c. our six youngest Children, being any Charge
and provided also that she do pay that my said three
Executors do sell off as much of my goods & Chattels as they may
Judge sufficient to pay off all debts, & other necessary expenses, &
such other goods as they may Judge the family & farm can spare
And also that they the said three do appraise & divide the remain-
der of my goods & Chattels, including all the goods & Chattels
which they have assign off for the widow & farm as aforesaid &
out of the nett proceeds First My said wife Mary shall have one
seventh part, and the remainder Then Six parts shall be divided
equally among our said six Children, Wintye Moore, Joseph D^r
James D^r Lucinda D^r Parissa D^r & Ephraim Moore, and if said Jack
should prove Stubborn & refractory & then my said son Ephraim
do sell him his price to be divided as above. Then I will &
Bequeath unto my seven married Children who is already
settled of viz To John Moore, Mary Tansie, Margaret Moore,
George Moore, Jane Hill, Sarah Dickson, & Esther Dickson to each
every of them the sum of one hundred dollars. Then I recommend
to my Executors to pay my debts Joseph & Moore to be paid to my

provided they find said boys can be spared. In the opinion
of their Mother and said family and also it is my desire that my son
Ephraim do get a liberal education, provided that my incensus
finds his genius will bear it, and they also find that his saying
he will support him & best if not that he be bound to a trade
when 15 years old - And as there is a strong probability
that my said wife Mary may soon incline to remove to
with her Children to some more fortunate & agreeable place, &
be willing & desirous to sell this said land I reserve &c -
Therefore, I hereby will, Bequeath, Enfeoff, convey & give
unto my Trusty & well beloved friends & Neighbours, Hugh
Torrence, William Brann Shanda & John Sharpe to them their
Heirs & assigns forever the whole of the land I am now seized
of being about 400 acres with every thing thereon or thereto
belonging or appertaining, the best nevertheless that they the
said Hugh - William & John - do sell the said land &c for the
highest price when and the said Willm requests the inside
the same & they the said Hugh - William & John - do sell the same
his right of choice therein is forfeited - and the next people arising
therefrom this shall pay off in the following manner Item viz I will &
bequeath to my said beloved wife Mary the one sixth part of the net
price of said land thus sold to her & her Heirs & assigns forever -
Item I will give & bequeath to my said son Joseph Moore forty pounds -
Item I will give & bequeath to my said son James Moore forty pounds -
Item I will give & bequeath to my said son Ephraim Moore forty pounds -
Item We'll give & bequeath to my said son George Moore twenty pounds
to them my said sons & to their legal Heirs for ever being a part
of the price of said land when thus sold - Item I will give and
bequeath the all the residue & remainder of the net price of the said land
being thus sold, to my said six youngest Children viz. Hinky, Joseph,
James, Frederick, Vassilla & Ephraim Moore, to be divided among them
share & share alike; and if any of said six youngest Children should
die leaving no Heirs of his or body legally wife & husband, that then
his or her share shall be divided equally among the survivors of them
And lastly, I hereby nominate & appoint my said dearly beloved
wife Mary & my said faithful friends Hugh Torrence, William Brann Shanda

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when 15 years old—And as there is a strong probability
that my said wife Mary may soon incline to remove to
with her Children to some more fortunate & agreeable place, &
be willing & desirous to sell this said land & remove to—
Therefore, I do hereby will, bequeath, assign, convey & transfer
unto my friends & well beloved friends & neighbours, Hugh
Torrence, William Beane Hancock & John Sharpe to them their
Heirs & assigns forever the whole of the land & are now seized
of being about 400 Acres with every thing thereon or thereto
belonging or appertaining, I bequeath nevertheless that they the
said Hugh—Hancock & John—do sell the said land &c for the
highest price when and the said willen require, to include
the same & they & each of them for his case &c may it, as to them
be right of choice therein is permitted—and the next people arising
therefrom this shall pay off in the following manner I do will &
bequeath to my said beloved wife Mary the one sixth part of the net
price of said land thus sold to her & her Heirs & assigns forever—
I do will give & bequeath to my said son Joseph Moore forty pounds—
I do will give & bequeath to my said son James Moore forty pounds—
I do will give & bequeath to my said son Ephraim Moore forty pounds—
I do will give & bequeath to my said son George Moore twenty pounds
to them my said sons & to their legal Heirs for ever being a part
of the price of said land when thus sold—I do will give and
bequeath the all the residue & remainder of the net price of the said land
being thus sold, to my said six youngest Children Viz. Henry, Joseph,
James, Lucinda, Narcissa & Ephraim Moore, to be divided among them
share & share alike; and if any of said six youngest Children should
die leaving no Heirs of his or her body (legally) wife or husband, that then
his or her share shall be divided equally among the survivors of them
And lastly, I hereby nominate & appoint my said dearly beloved
wife Mary & my said, & my said friends Hugh Torrence, William Beane Hancock
& John Sharpe to be my whole & sole Executors of this my last will & Testament
I hereby revoking all former wills, Gifts or bequests. Notifying the same
to be my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & great Seal the day of November 1797.

signed, sealed, published pronounced & declared by the said Joseph Moore as his last will & Testament, who in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses
William Seelick
James Peel
J. H. Alexander

Joseph Moore



22 In the name of God Amen, I Richard Hason of the County of Mecklenburg & State of Carolina, knowing that life is uncertain have thought proper to make this my last will & Testament in manner & form following. It is my will & desire that all my just debts & funeral charges be punctually discharged and paid. Item It is my will & I do hereby require all my real & personal estate to be appraised by three freeholders chosen by my Executors hereafter named. To which Estate I do hereby will & bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth to be by her possessed during her life or widowhood subject nevertheless to the following bequestments. Item I Will & bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth & my sons Henry Winfield, Richard, Isaac & Charles the whole of my estate except the Twenty four pounds to my wife Elizabeth & the like sum of Twenty five pounds to my son Henry in full of all to them & theirs & also the bequestments hereafter mentioned excepted. Item I will do bequeath to my grandson Richard Hason son of Thomas Hason late deceased. Item I Will & bequeath to my Nephew John Little the sum of Two hundred & Ninety dollars to be paid in six months after my decease, I also will & bequeath to my Nephew four head of horse creatures that now go by the name of his big One Sorel mare called the Sheep & her three colts to him his heirs & assigns forever. Item I will & bequeath make over, convey & confirm unto my true sons Henry & Charles Hason all that tract or parcel of land situated lying & being in the County of Mecklenburg adjoining the Town of Charlotte containing four hundred & sixty nine acres be that same more or less to be equally divided between my two sons & theirs & theirs heirs & further it is my will & desire that the above divisions be valued by three freeholders according to quality & quantity & provided also that the said land be divided into more than three or