& Testament In Witness Whereof I have signed Sealed published pronounced & declared by the said James Paxton as his last will & Testament in the presence of the subscribers Viz

Matthew Patton
Moses Paxton

James Paxton

In the name of God Amen The 26th day of March 1789. I Martin Phifer Senr of the County of Mecklenburg & State of N Carolina Tho weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto 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 last will & Testament that is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors whom I shall nominate hereafter in this will & 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 wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give & dispose of the same in the following manner & form — It is my will that all my just debts and funeral Charges be duly paid and discharged

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Margret Phifer five Slaves Viz one old Negro man named Dick One Negro woman named Dinah named Mary & her two children & one Negro man named Jacob and also all my household furniture & all my Grain Stocks & Chattles & one third part of my Money at hand & likewise the one third part of my bonds & notes of hand due to me & also the use & profits during her natural Life or Widowhood & after her decease the said Slaves

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is her above devided & all the Negroes that is
...ly divided between my three Sons & my two grand Children
Dec'd & Margaret Phifer in three parts, to each of my Sons &
part & the third part to be Equally devided between my three grand
Children Paul & Margaret & Phifer Children of my Son John
Phifer Dec'd & if my beloved wife Margaret Should chuse
to live on the Plantation herein after devised to Paul Phifer
She Shall have free liberation so to chuse her Seat —
Item. I Give & bequeath to my beloved grandson Paul Phifer Son of my
Son John Phifer Dec'd & to his male issue lawfully begotten my Old
plantation with the tract of Land lying on the main waggon
road as leads from Salisbury to Charlotte Town Together with all
Houses, Mills, Buildings & other improvements thereon & likewise
fifty acres of land Joining the said old tract being part of a
tract of Land as bought from John McCoy lying on the east side
of the old tract of Land to Join McCoys East corner the waggon
Road & likewise two other tracts Joining said old tract, one
on the East & one on the West of said Old Tract, and if the said
Paul Phifer Should die without male issue lawfully begotten
then the aforesaid Lands to fall to my Son Caleb's male Heirs
and he Should die without male issue then to fall to the first
male Heir of my Son Charles Phifer, and it is my will that
the said Lands Should never be Sold or exchanged out of the
name of the Phifers, and it is my will that the said Paul
Phifer Should furnish all my Son Caleb Phifers Grain Toll free
& all his Sisters grain toll free if she Marrys & lives convi
ent to my said Son Caleb & his said Sisters Request to assist
him in keeping the Mill in repair Likewise I give & bequeath
to my Son's Sons Paul Phifer two negro fellows one
named Daniel, & the other named Charles a Son of Old Charles
Likewise I give & bequeath to my beloved Granddaughter
Margaret Phifer daughter of my Son John Phifer Dec'd two negro
Wench Old Charles & Nancy his wife be none excepted as my Will
is one Negro Wench named Grace & her son in lieu of said
Charles & Nancy, and it is my Will that the said Paul Phifer
shall let the Tithe Stand that I made to Adam Barnhardt for Ten
or 6 Pounds as Rent as long as he the said Adam Barnhardt

Likewise I Give to my beloved Son Caleb Phifer his Heirs & Assigns for ever the following Land Viz The Plantation where on he now lives with the Improvements thereon, Also one third part of all that Tract of Land lying on Shackleis fork of Silver Creek in Rowan County which Third is to include the Improvement & Mill Joining the lines of Cowan & Robeson & Griffith Edwards & also the remainder of that Tract of Land which I purchased of John McCorkle Paul gets his fifty Acres, Also I Give to my Son Caleb Phifer four Negroes Viz James & Dina his wife & all their Increase & Baird & Fanny his wife & all their increase, and also my Silver Watch

Item I Give & bequeath to my beloved Son Martin Phifer his Heirs & Assigns for ever, The plantation Situate on Drowning Creek with all the Lands thereunto belonging or Joining on big Coldwater with all the buildings & improvements thereon & also the remaining two thirds of that Tract of Land lying on Shackleis fork of Silver Creek it being the upper part of said Tract Joining Dunnies & Plaids Lands & my Son Caleb is to make a Deed of a Small Tract at the upper end of said Tract to Martin & also I Give to my Son Martin the following negroes Viz Old Bob & Doll his wife & Young Bob & Henry & Peter & all their Increase & also my house Clock & writing Desk. —— And I do constitute & appoint my two Sons Caleb Phifer & Martin Phifer to be my Executors of this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made Ratifying & confirming this to be my last Will & Testament, In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal the day & year first above written Signed, Sealed, published, Pronounced & declared to be my last Will & Testament

In the Presence of
Joseph Sheirn
Jean Sheirn
Robert Paterson

Martin Phifer (Seal)