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" In the Name of God Amen. I Robert Henderson of the State of North Carolina  
& County of Mecklenburg being on a sick & low condition but sound  
in mind & memory blessed be God for it & calling to mind the unceas-  
ingly of life & the mortality of my body & that it was appointed  
for all men to die; Do make this my last will & testament in  
the name & form following viz First I recommend my soul to God who  
gave it me & my body to the Earth, from whence it was taken nothing  
doubting but that I shall receive it again at the general Resurrection  
into the mighty power of my Lord & Jesus Christ. & also I do  
make myself a decent interment at the discretion of my Executors  
herein after named. — Item I do will & bequeath unto my wife  
beloved wife Isabella Henderson her mare Saddles & her and the  
children to have the plantation land, & all the house hold furni-  
ture, The two work Horses, some Cows, Hogs & Sheep &c to be left together  
& work the plantation during her widowhood, but if she is  
married again; I do reserve all the personal Estate to be sold &  
her to get the one third & the other two thirds to be equally di-  
vided amongst my daughters following Hannah the oldest  
of the mare now left to her less than any of the rest. Item  
I do will & bequeath unto my wife beloved daughter Hannah the bay  
mare 4 year old filly & a new saddle to be made for her; Item I will do  
bequeath unto my wife beloved son Wm Henderson the sword mace call-  
ed a new Saddle & rifle gun; & to my son Parkers the smooth bore gun  
Item I do will & bequeath unto my two sons Wm & Parkers Henderson  
if they are obedient to their Mother I do there duty to her & the rest  
of the children that plantation which I purchased from Thomas M. Lucas  
to be equally divided between them when they come of age least  
till then it is to be rented to the best advantage & the rent to be  
paid to the use of schooling & clothing my children & William is  
to pay, William & Richard ten pounds in money which is to be equally  
divided amongst my daughters — Item I do will & bequeath

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wrote my two Sons John & James Henderson the Plantation which  
I now live on to be equally divided between them when they come  
of age & till then it is to be kept to the use of raising & educating an  
elching my children & my beloved wife Isabella is to have the  
living of it during her widow hood & if she never marries  
during her, & my lands on Beaufort Island joining Grand Dine  
to be sold & the money to be equally divided amongst my  
Daughters & by their present I do impower my Executors or  
either of them to make a Deed of sale for the same as far as  
I shall yet unborn I do will & bequeath if a boy which  
can be purchased on the western waters with my means of  
no land can be got for them he must have an equal portion  
my Daughters & if a Daughter she is to share an equal portion  
the rest of that land to be sold & equally divided among  
my Daughters I do allow the two year old filly to be kept  
along with the two horses for the use of the family, and the  
second more than three year old filly to be sold & what money  
can possibly be spared - And lastly I do nominate & appoint  
my Will husband William Henderson Esq; and my  
beloved Cousin John Sheape to be my Executrix of this my last  
will & Testament In witness whereof these have been to  
set my hand & affixed my seal this October the 5<sup>th</sup> 1788 -  
Signed sealed & delivered in presence of

John Elliott

John Henderson }.

Robert Henderson 

"In the name of God amen. I assault faild hereto do make  
Proclaim this to be my last will & testament, & that hereby  
I revoke & recall all former wills & instruments made or made  
in the first place before or since my testators to make such pro-  
vision out of my property as shall appear in their discretion  
to be most suitable & proper for the payment of all my law-  
ful debts & to have my estate rendered clear of incumbrance  
& debt as soon as can be done under the law  
I do will & bequeath all my share of the land lying in the  
my Father's estate lying in the