

In the name of God Amen. I Robert Kerr of Mecklenburg County in N^c
 Carolina being in a Sickly & frail State of Body, but of sound mind &
 memory thanks to God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body
 & approaching dissolution, Do make & Ordain this my last will & Testament
 Viz principally & first of all, I give my Soul into the hands of Almighty
 God who gave it, And my dying body I recommend to the Earth to be
 Buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors not doubt-
 ing but I shall receive the same again at the General resurrection by the
 Almighty power of God; And as touching such worldly estate it hath
 pleased God to bless me with in this life I now will, Give & Dispose
 of the same in the following manner & form Viz
 First I give & bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Hannah Kerr
 The Third part of my moveable Estate (Exclusion of all my negroes) together
 with her dowry & her share one part in kind & Furniture, & the Privilege of
 Living on & enjoying the benefits of the plantation on which I now dwell
 during her widowhood. & I will that my son Richard Kerr receive at the
 age of Twenty one Years & the further benefits of my two negroes be-
 lieve I have to do with said plantation the better to enable him to rise
 at the School & clear of any charge our young Children live in
 numbers; And whereas it will be difficult for my wife Hannah to
 Carry on the same for the purpose of said said Horses & I do
 therefore bequest & bequeath my ~~Excluded~~ hereafter named to Appointments
 & lay off to the said Hannah such Horses, Pows, Hays, Sheep & Farming
 Utensils &c as they may Judge necessary for the said purposes, Including
 said negroes for the benefit of the said hereafter named, & when
 it shall appear necessary & convenient my said Executors are hereby
 required & empowered to make sale of the whole or part of my said
 moveable estate or the Sakeing Society for the same as to them or
 any two of them shall appear necessary, And whereas it may thus
 happen that my said negro will as thus said it is my will & pleasure
 that the half of his price be paid to my son John Kerr & the remaining
 half be equally divided between my son Robert Kerr & daughter Ann
Kerr, And it is my further will & pleasure that when my said negro
 worth is thus said that her price be equally divided among my
 wife Hannah and all my children now alive —

Very providentially & mercifully in the hands of Almighty
God who gave it, And my dying body I recommend to the Earth to be
buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors not doubt-
ing but I shall reside therein again at the General resurrection by the
Almighty power of God; And as touching such worldly estate it be-
pleased God to bestow me with in this life, I now will, Give & dispose
of the same in the following manner & form Very
In witness Whereof I begueth unto my dearly beloved wife Hannah Here
The third part of my Movable Estate (exclusion of all my negroes) together
with her dower & dower one part of the furniture, & the privilege of
Living on & enjoying the benefits of the plantation on which I now dwell
during her widowhood. I constitute my son Richard Here Executor at the
age of Twenty one years & the further benefits of my two negroes Leide
& the white to Richard said plantation the better to enable him to rise
at the school & clear of any charge our young children live in
numbers; And whereas it will be difficult for my wife Hannah to
carry on the same for the purpose of said said without Horses & I do
therefore request & require my Executors hereafter named to appropriate
I lay off to the said Hannah such Horses, Pows, Wags, Sheep & Farming
utensils &c as they may judge necessary for the said purpose, including
said negroes for the benefit of the Legacies hereafter named, & when
it shall appear necessary & convenient my said Executors are hereby
required & empowered to make sale of the whole or part of my said
movable estate or the taking security for the same as to them or
any two of them shall appear necessary. And whereas it may thus
happen that my said negro Will is thus said it is my will & pleasure
that the half of his price be paid to my son John Here & the remaining
half be equally divided between my son Robert Here & daughter Ann
Here, And it is my further will & pleasure that when my said negro
Leide is thus said that her price be equally divided among my
wife Hannah and all my children now alive —
Item I will, Give, bequeath, transfer &c. to my beloved son Robert
Here some hundred acres of Land situate on little river (now called
Little river) in the County of St. Pauline being one divided tract
of Land in the County of St. Pauline in the County of St. Pauline in the County of St. Pauline

The large tract I now have on hand by name of The 2d tract
 being an undivided survey to him & his heirs & assigns forever. —
 Item, I will, give, bequeath, Transfer & set over to Jennet Warr my beloved
 daughter one hundred & twenty Acres of Land Situated between
 Creek on the West side of the Calabash river at the great flat rock
 granted by patent being an undivided survey to her & her heirs
 & assigns forever. & also her feather bed & furniture then saddle & bridle
 Item, I will, Give, bequeath, Transfer & set over unto John Warr
 my beloved son one hundred & fifty Acres of Land to be laid off the
 North side of the 420 tract I now have on hand from the great road
 to the Creek, but not to extend over the Creek any farther than
 to include the bottom & meadow ground on said Creek to him
 his heirs & assigns forever. — Item, I will, Give, bequeath
 Transfer & set over unto Samuel Warr my beloved son one hundred
 & fifty nine Acres of Land to be laid off of the West end of the 420
 Acre tract & the 39 Acre tract which is to include the Creek
 to him & to his heirs & assigns forever. — Item, I will, Give, bequeath, Transfer & make over to
Nashua Warr my beloved son all the residue & remainder of the
 said 420 Acre & the 39 Acre tracts containing by computation one
 hundred & fifty Acres including the improvements I now live on
 to him & to his heirs & assigns forever. — And that ample
 Justice may be done to each of said three last mentioned sons
 I hereby empower my said Executors or any two of them to appor-
 tion measure & lay off each & every said Childs part or division of
 Land aforesaid having a due regard to quality & quantity.
 And it is my will & pleasure that the Mansion House & garden
 be still reserved for my said wife Hannah during her widowhood
 Item, I give & bequeath one Negro Girl named Feme unto my beloved
 daughter Margaret Warr Item, I give & bequeath unto Hannah
 my beloved daughter one Negro boy named Abner. to them &
 to their heirs & assigns forever, said children to be kept in the
 family & raised, or hired out by my Executors or any two of them
 as to them shall seem best for the benefit of said Legatee until
 they shall arrive at the age of twenty one years

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Creek on the West side of the great road
granted by patent being one hundred & fifty
& assigns forever. He also he further be & I give unto them
them. I will, Give, bequeath, Transfer & it over unto John, Her
my beloved son one hundred & fifty acres of Land to be laid off the
East side of the 420 tract I now live upon from the great road
to the Creek, but not to extend over the Creek any farther than
to include the bottom & meadow grounds on said Creek to him
his Heirs & assigns forever. — Item. I will, Give, bequeath
Transfer & it over unto Samuel Her my beloved son one hundred
& fifty nine acres of Land to be laid off of the West end of P 420
acre tract & the 34 acre tract which is to include the Creek,
to them & to his Heirs & assigns forever & to his Heirs & assigns
forever. — Item. I will, Give, bequeath, Transfer & make over to
Rebecca Her my beloved son all the residue & remainder of the
said 420 acre & the 34 acre tracts containing by computation one
hundred & fifty acres including the improvements I now live on
to him & to his Heirs & assigns forever — And that ample
justice may be done to each of said three last mentioned sons
I hereby empower my said Executors or any two of them to appor-
tion measure & lay off each & every said Childs part or division of
Land & provide having a due regard to equality & quantity
and it is my will & pleasure that the Mansion House & garden
be still reserved for my said wife Hannah during her widowhood
them. I give & bequeath one Negro Girl named Fannie unto my beloved
daughter Margaret Her son. Item. I give & bequeath unto Hannah
Her my beloved daughter one Negro boy named Abner. to them &
to their Heirs & assigns forever, said children to be kept in the
family & raised, or hired out by my Executors or any two of them
as to them shall seem best for the benefit of said Legacies until
my said two daughters shall arrive at the age of twenty one years
them. I will & bequeath to each & every of my said Children one new
Mile to be purchased & delivered by my Executors. — Item I give and
bequeath to Margaret Her my Grand daughter the sum of twenty
shillings Spain and one new Bible as before —

I do Give & bequeath to Margret my Daughter the sum of thirty pounds specie — I do Give & bequeath to Hannah my daughter the sum of thirty pounds specie — And it is my further will & pleasure that if any of my said three young sons should die leaving no heirs of their body before they arrive at the age of twenty one years that then his division of Land & Legacy shall be equally divided between his two surviving brothers, but in case two of said three should die as aforesaid that then their divisions of Land & Legacy shall fall to be received by the surviving brother on condition he pay the 1/3 of his sisters viz Sonnet Kerr, Margret & Hannah the sum of thirty three pounds specie, I further recommend & request my Executors hereafter named immediately after my decease to meet & use all prudent endeavours to appraise & partition & by consent to lay off the ~~land~~ aforesaid widows third part &c. &c. &c. and that as few things of my Estate be sold by my Executors as to them appears necessary for paying all my just debts & the foremen of Legacies & the remainder to be equally divided among all my aforesaid Children. And I do hereby constitute & appoint my trusty friends Nehemiah Alexander, Robert Robison Junr & Robert Allison & John McKnight Alexander to be my sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament, and I do hereby utterly revoke & disannul all & every other former Wills, Testaments, Legacies & Execut as by me in any wise named Willed or bequeathed before, Ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I the said Robert Kerr have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 15th day of February 1786. — Signed Sealed published pronounced & declared by the said Robert Kerr as his last Will & Testament when in his presence & in the presence each of the subscribed our names as Witnesses. George Elliott
James McKnight
Allen Edger

Robert Carr

Witness to the within will viz

Whereas since the signing of the within will my negro woman Matilda is dead, to the apparent loss hardship & disadvantage of my wife Hannah & whereas in this said will a negro girl named James is bequeathed to my daughter Margaret & so I do therefore

My body before this writing at the age of Twenty one years that the
his division of Land & Legacy shall be equally divided between
his two surviving brothers, but in case two of said three should
as aforesaid that then their divisions of Land & Legacy shall
to be received by the surviving brother on condition he pay the
each of his sisters viz. Sonnet Kerr, Margaret & Hannah the sum
of Thirty three pounds specie, I further recommend & request my
Executors hereafter named immediately after my decease to meet & use
all prudent endeavours to appraise & partition by consent to
of the widows aforesaid & I do now thirdly Be it... Be it... Be it
and that as few things of my Estate be sold by my Executors as to the
appears necessary for paying all my just debts & the foreman
of my Legacies & the remainder to be equally divided among all
my aforesaid Children. And I do hereby constitute & appoint
my trusty friends Hephzibah Alexander, Robert Robinson Junr Robert
Allison & John McKnight Alexander to be my sole Executors of this my last
Will & Testament, and I do hereby utterly revoke & disannul all
every other former Will, Testaments, Legacies & Execut as by me in
any manner made or bequeathed before, Ratifying & confirming
this & no other to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I the
said Robert Kerr have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 15
day of February 1786. -- Signed Sealed published pronounced
out & declared by the said Robert Kerr as his last Will & Testament
in his presence & in the presence each of the subscribed our names as

Witnesses. George Elliott

James McQuinn

Adam Edger

Robert Carr

Witness to the within will viz

Whereas since the signing of the within Will my negro woman
Mabelle is dead, to the apparent loss & disadvantage of
my wife Hannah & whereas in this said Will a negro girl named
Samer is bequeathed to my daughter Margaret & as I do therefore
by this Will set aside & strike that part of this Will, and I
do hereby expressly declare that it is my will that said
negro girl named Samer be the property of my beloved wife

Hannah ~~born during the life of the said head in place of Matilda~~
 Thus did the belly to enable her to raise the said child as
 mentioned in said will. And after ~~the~~ death or Marriage, that
 said Negro girl Sammy shall remain & then become the property
 of my said loving daughter Margaret here & her heirs & assigns
 forever. In witness whereof I the said Robert here being in
 my ordinary health & sound mind & memory, Do hereby set
 my hand & seal this 16th June 1785.

Signed Sealed & declared by the said Robert here as a Codicil
 to his last will & Testament. When in his presence & in the presence
 of each other subscribed our names as witnesses

Jane Alexander
 Margaret Alexander }
 J. H. Alexander }

Robert Carr Seal

22. In the name of God Amen, I Catherine Wregh of Mecklenburg County
 & State of Virginia, calling to mind the uncertainty of our time
 and being sick in body, but of good & sound memory. Thank be to
 Almighty God, that considering that all flesh must yield to death when
 it shall please God to call, Do therefore make this my last will & tes-
 tament, this second day of August in the year of our Lord 1785. First &
 principally I recommend my Soul unto Almighty God who governs
 unto me, & my body to be buried in a Christian like manner according
 to the direction of my dear late husband, And for the settling
 of my Estate & such goods as has pleased God to bless my late dear
 husband & me with, I Give & bequeath in manner & upon hereafter
 mentioned first I will that my funeral charge be paid & 2^{dly}
 I will that my two daughters portion Sophia & Susan shall that was
 their share from my husband their father that I took upon me shall be
 paid to them out of my thirds— 3^{dly} I Give & bequeath unto my son
Philip a black boy with a white head, & a body & after my death my
 son Philip is to take my youngest son Robert to him to bring him
 up with him. I Give & bequeath unto my son Robert the old mare & all the
 iron pot, a buck, two new broad Hoes, all the woodden vessels large or
 small, a black horse & a cow & all the hogs, the wild mill all the