

Myself & Son
David Ferguson

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In the name of God Amen. I Samuel Ferguson of the State of New York
County of Lewis being weak in body but of perfect mind & memory
thanks be given unto God willing 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 unto the hands of Almighty God that
gave it & my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Decent
Manner at the direction of my Sacerdotes nothing doubting but at
the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Almighty
power of God. And as touching such worldly estate where with it has
pleased God to bless me with in this life, And in the first place I desire
that all my Lawful Debts be paid & the rest to be disposed of in the
following manner & form. I Viz I give & bequeath unto my beloved
Son Alexander Ferguson two young Negroes one Girl named Sally
the other a boy named Jeremiah - And I also give & bequeath unto
my Daughter Mary Ferguson three young ones Viz one Negro woman named
Ann & two Negro boys one named Matthew & the other David - And it
also is my Will & pleasure that my Negro fellows those abide with
my family ten years on the plantation after this delivery & then
to be valued or appraised & divided between my Son & Daughter -
And as to the rest of my real & personal estate with the same of the
plantation I will & positively order that it stand as in a deed
of Gift on record excepting one third of my real & personal estate
with the use of the plantation to my beloved wife Matly Ferguson
during her life to me or widowhood and no longer -
And I do hereby appoint & declare my beloved wife Matly Ferguson
& my beloved Brother in Law Archibald Campbell & my trusty friend
George Corzine Jew. to be my whole & sole Executors to this my last
Will & Testament. I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and
disannul all former Wills & Testaments made by me
written or made and do here by ratify & confirm this

and no other to be my last will & testament, the witnesses where
of I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twentieth day of
October in the year of our Lord 1786
Signed Sealed published pronounced & declared
in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed

John Maylie
John Russell
David Casely

Samuel Ferguson



In the name of God Amen: I James Fraser being in a declining
state of health, tho' of sound mind & memory, calling to mind the
mortality of my body knowing all men must die, do make &
declare this my last will & testament. My I give my soul to Almighty
God who gave it & my body to the dust to be buried at the discretion
of my Executors; And as touching such worldly estate as it hath
pleased God to bless me with in this life I will give bequeath
& dispose of in the following manner & form—

I will give & bequeath to John Fraser my beloved son (if yet alive
the sum of five shillings—

I will give & bequeath to William Fraser my beloved son five shillings

I give & bequeath to Rachel Robison my beloved daughter five shillings

I will give & bequeath the corporeal tract or lot over to Joseph Fraser my
beloved son to him & to his heirs & assigns for ever one hundred acres of
land being part of this big tract of 250 acres on which the said Joseph
now lives including his improvements which said 100 acres is to be laid
off said big tract agreeable to the directions of Joseph Moore & John Mc
Alexander & their plat & lines confirmed to him—

I give & bequeath to James Fraser my son all my right to the Sarah
house which is now run a way—

I will, give, bequeath, enjoin, & assign & set over to my beloved son
Samuel Fraser & my said beloved son James Fraser to them &
their heirs & assigns for ever all the residue & remainder of my land
to be equally divided between them as to direct quantity as
near as may be by my Executors Joseph Moore & Joseph Fraser
& William with the assistance of John Alexander with the