

In the Name of God Amen. I Stephen Hipp of the State of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina  
 I County of Mecklenburg Being in good Health & sound mind & memory  
 blessed by God for all his mercies, and calling to mind the Mortality of my  
 Body & that it is appointed once for all men to die, Do make this my  
 Last Will & Testament in manner & form following Viz first of all  
 I recommend my body to the Earth from whence it was taken & my soul  
 to God who gave it me nothing keeping but I shall receive the  
 same again at the General Resurrection by the mighty power of my  
 Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ & First of Order. at all my just &  
 debts to paid & fully discharged & I will & bequeath unto my well  
 beloved wife Anna & my well beloved son Andrew one hundred acres  
 of Land wherow I now live, together with all my household furniture  
 and at the death of my well beloved wife Anna the said land & furniture  
 shall be the only sole property of my son Andrew Hipp. I will and  
 bequeath unto my well beloved son Stephen Hipp the sum of five  
 shillings. I will & bequeath unto my well beloved sons John, George  
 Joseph & Jacob Hipp all the remaining part of my land to be  
 equally divided between them at their discretion, That each of  
 my said sons John, George, Joseph & Jacob (at my death) shall  
 pay or cause to be paid unto my well beloved son Valentine Hipp  
 the sum of Five pounds cash. And/or the true Execution of this  
 my last Will & Testament, I nominate & appoint my well beloved  
 friends & neighbours George Elliott & John Long to be my Executors  
 In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal  
 this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1786.

Signed, sealed, pronounced & declared  
 as my last Will & Testament in

the presence of - - - - -

Richard Berry  
 Archibald Gordon  
 Andrew Berry }

Stephen Hipp *Seal*