

In the Name of God Amen, I James Hurd of the County of Mecklenburg
 & State of N^o Carolina, being in my ordinary health of Body & of a perfect
 mind & memory thanks be to God for it, therefore calling to mind the frailty
 of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die; I do
 make & declare this my last Will & Testament, And for it of all I give my
 soul unto the hands of the Almighty God that gave it, & my body I
 recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discre-
 tion of my Executors, wth as touching my worldly Estate wherein it
 hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give & dispose of the
 same in the following manner & form as follows; First I desire that
 all my lawful Debts be paid out of one hundred & forty pounds & 10
 I do not make use of in my lifetime. — I give & bequeath to my
 sons beloved sons Lewis John, Thomas, Solomon & Reuben to be
 equally divided amongst them, Also, I give & bequeath unto Jane
 Hurd my beloved wife one several more & one cow the choice cows of
 my Stock & twenty bushels of Indian Corn & twenty bushels of wheat
 & for them it is my will & pleasure that all the furniture that my wife
 Jane brought with her at our marriage should be at her disposal
 Also, I give & bequeath unto my beloved son John one one negro
 boy known by the name of Young Sarah now in his possession, Also
 I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Thomas one negro girl known
 by the name of Charlotte, Also I give & bequeath unto my beloved
 daughter Eliza both living at a near port & takes one negro girl known
 by the name of Providence & desire her to be left in the possession of my
 son Reuben & when the said negro girl comes to the age of fourteen
 years old then she to be appraised by men of my Daughter Eliza also do
 not come into none of our Affairs but by lawful authority, her said
 Wench to the comes to the aforesaid age then my son Reuben shall
 have it to his choice whether to give the Wench or pay the apprais-
 ment. Also I give & bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Rachel
 one negro girl known by the name of Young Hagar, Also
 I give & bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Phoebe Harrison
 one negro girl known by the name of Young Dinah, Also I
 give & bequeath unto my Daughter Julia & Emily one negro
 girl known by the name of Hannah, Also, I give & bequeath unto

make & obtain this my last Will & Testament, And for it of all I give my
soul unto the hands of the Almighty God that gave it, & my body I
recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discre-
tion of my Executors, and as touching my worldly estate wherein it
hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give & dispose of the
same in the following manner & form as follows; First I desire that
all my simple Debts be paid out of one hundred & forty pounds.
I do not make use of in my lifetime. — I give & bequeath to my
four beloved sons Lewis John, Thomas, Solomon & Reuben to be
equally divided amongst them, Then I give & bequeath unto Jane
Hood my beloved wife one several more & one cow the choice one of
my Stock & twenty bushels of Indian corn & twenty bushels of wheat
Upon them it is my will & pleasure that all the furniture that my wife
Jane brought with her at our marriage should be at her disposal
Then I give & bequeath unto my beloved son John one one negro
boy known by the name of young Sarah now in his possession. Then
I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Thomas one negro girl known
by the name of Charlotte, Then I give & bequeath unto my beloved
daughter Eliza both living at or near Fort Mifflin one negro girl known
by the name of Providence & I desire her to be left in the possession of my
son Reuben & when the said negro girl comes to the age of fourteen
years old there her to be appraised by me & if my daughter Eliza doth de-
not come nor none of our heirs consent by lawfull authority, her said
Wench to the come to the aforesaid age then my son Reuben shall
have it to his choice whether to give the Wench or pay the apprais-
ment. Then I give & bequeath unto my beloved daughter Mary
Mather one negro girl known by the name of young Hagar. Then
I give & bequeath unto my beloved daughter Phoebe Harrison
one negro girl known by the name of young Dinah. Then I
give & bequeath unto my daughter Julia & Cindy one negro
girl known by the name of Hannah. Then I give & bequeath unto
my daughter Mary & Ned one negro girl known by the name of
Sarah. Then I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Jacob
one negro boy called Joseph & also all the plantation &
I now do live with all privileges or improvements which

seven belong to the said Part of Land to him & his Heirs & assigns
now, and also my waggon & gear & to him also all my plantation
tools of every kind & also it is my will & pleasure that my three
nephews known by the name of Old David & Old Hager & Old Andy
shall be sold among my Legates & the money to be equally divided
amongst my wife Jane & my four Daughters Rachel, Lydia
Phoebe & Mary, & further it is my will & pleasure that all the
residue of my moveable property that is not before mentioned
Horse, Cows, Sheep & Hogs & household furniture to be appraised and
Equally divided between my wife Jane & my four daughters viz
Rachel, Phoebe, Lydia & Mary— And I do hereby constitute &
appoint my Son Absalom & Capt James Osborn to be my sole Ex-
ecutors of this my last will & Testament, Disannulling all &
every other former Wills Testaments & Legacies by me named Wills
& Bequeathed before, Ratifying & confirming this & no other to be
my last will & Testament; In witness whereof I the said James
Hood has hereunto set his hand & affixed his seal This 12th day
of April 1797.

Signed Sealed & Delivered by The said James Hood
in his last will & Testament in the presence of us
who in his presence & in the presence of each other
have hereunto set our names.

Samuel Black
William Quincy
James Buchanan

James Hood 

In the Name of our common Father Heaven being weak in body but of
perfect mind & memory thanks be to God, therefore calling to mind the
mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once
to die, Do make & declare this my last will & Testament, that I do hereby
bequeath & first of all I give & bequeath my soul into the hands
of Almighty God that give it to be disposed of at his pleasure, &
my body I commend to the earth to be buried in a decent manner
at the discretion of my Executors— And as touching such lands
estate wheresoever it hath pleased God to bless me in this life
I give & bequeath the same to the poor in the following manner