

In the name of God Amen. I William Ferguson of Newbury County
 & State of North Carolina, being in a low & afflicted state of body, but thro'
 the abundant mercies of God of sound mind & disposing memory
 Do make & ordain my last will & Testament as follows viz -
 1st I will & direct all my just debts to be paid out of my estate -
 2nd I will that my beloved wife Sarah have a sufficient & comfortable
 -able Maintenance out of my Estate during life or while
 she remains a widow & that she have my negro girl Sylvia to
 wait upon her - 3rd I will & direct that my children be kept
 together & raised & schooled out of my Estate, but should any of them
 become refractory & not attend to the directions & Admonitions
 of their Mother & Guardians my will is that they be bound out
 to men of good Moral Character. - 4th To my Daughter Patsy
 I will when she arrives to the Age of Eighteen years her choice
 of my female Negro children (Excepting Sylvia) a Horse &
 Saddle & Bridle, bed & furniture & such other property as she
 may stand in need of to make with the amount of six hundred dollars
 5th To my other three daughters viz Martha, Sarah & Jane Eliza
 I will that as they respectively arrive at the Age of Eighteen
 years they shall each of them have one Negro Girl, one Horse
 Saddle & Bridle, one bed & furniture & such other property as
 they may stand in need of to the Amount Six hundred Dollars
 to each of them. - 6th To my sons Thomas, William, Alexander
 & John I will & bequeath the whole of my Land to them & their
 Heirs or assigns forever, to be equally divided according to
 Quantity & Quality as near as may be having regard to the
 Encumbrance any part may be under, the Land to be divided
 by men chosen by Court for that purpose the division of the
 Land to take place when Thomas arrives at the age of twenty
 one years of age. - 7th To my son Thomas I will my sword
 Pistols & other Equipments of Cavalry. - I will that my books
 be divided by my Executors among the whole of my children
 as Equally as the can. - I will that the residue of my
 unwilld property (except so much as shall be necessary for
 the support of my beloved wife during her widowhood)
 when my youngest child comes of Age be equally divided

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2nd I will that my beloved wife Sarah have a sufficient & comfortable Maintenance out of my Estate during life or while she remains a widow & that she have my nego girl Sylvia to wait upon her - 3rd I will & direct that my children be kept together & raised & schooled out of my Estate, but should any of them become refractory & not attend to the directions & Admonitions of their Mother & Guardians my Will is that they be bound out to men of good moral Character. - 4th To my Daughter Polly I will when she arrives to the age of Eighteen years her choice of my female Negro children (excepting Sylvia) a Horse & Saddle & Bridle, bed & furniture & such other property as she may stand in need of to make out the sum of six hundred dollars

5th To my other three daughters viz Martha, Sarah & Jane Eliza I will that as they respectively arrive at the age of Eighteen years they shall each of them have one nego Girl, one Horse Saddle & Bridle, one bed & furniture & such other property as they may stand in need of to the amount six hundred Dollars to each of them. - 6th To my sons Thomas, William, Alexander & John I will & bequeath the whole of my Land to them & their Heirs or Assigns forever, to be equally divided according to Quantity & Quality as near as may be having regard to the Encumbrance any part may be under, the Land to be divided by men chosen by Court for that purpose the division of the Land to take place when Thomas arrives at the age of twenty one years of age. - 7th To my son Thomas I will my Sword (Pistols & other Equipments of cavalry - I will that my books be divided by my Executors among the whole of my children as Equally as the can - I will that the residue of my unwilld property (except so much as shall be necessary for the support of my beloved wife during her widowhood) when my youngest child comes of Age be Equally divided among my four sons above named; should any of my Children die without issue I will that their part be equally divided among the Survivors. And after the death of my

beloved wife Sarah. I Will that the property retained for her life part be disposed of as my other unwilld property above -

I further Will & direct that my Executors retain such parts of my household furniture, Kitchen furniture & plantation tools & stock as will be necessary to the comfort & convenience of my widow & children & the excepts to be sold, my two old negroes Cain & Phillis I wish to be retained on my plantation to assist in raising the family while they behave themselves, but if they do not to be hired out as my other negroes are to be

I Will & direct that my negroes excepting those that are otherwise disposed of be hired out annually - And Lastly I do by these presents constitute & appoint my brother in law Thomas Moore & Hephner Alexander Green Executors of this my last Will & Testament and Guardians for my Children, and by these presents I do hereby make Void & Disannul all former Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 19th day of March A.D. 1817 -
Signed Sealed published & declared

In presence of,

Thomas J Green

Alexander Moore

William Ferguson



In the Name of God Amen. I John Foster of the County of Mecklenburg & State of N^o Carolina being weak in body, but of sound & disposing mind Do this 19th day of April in the Year of Our Lord 1820 Will that my property real & personal be disposed of in the following manner, That all my lawful debts & funeral Expenses be discharged - I Will to my beloved wife Jenny Foster that part of Land that I now live on namely all that lies on the North side of the Washburn creek including my late entry with buildings & improvements with all my household furniture & my Mill & Mills & new wagon & farming tools with all my horses, cattle, sheep & Hogs only what is hereafter excepted with Poll & her children & money - 2^d I Will to Thomas Miller that plantation of Land I bought from John & Mary & Leode & Children & heres