

39 I William Clark of Mecklenburg County in N^o Carolina being weak in body, but thro' divine goodness of sound & perfect mind and memory, calling to mind the uncertainty of my time in this Transitory world & that it is Appointed for all men come to die; Do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, that is to say first & singly I recommend my never dying & immortal soule into the hands of my great Creator, hoping & trusting for the pardon of all my sins & acceptance thro' the merit & intercession of his dear son my great Redeemer Jesus Christ hoping to enjoy a place of Rest with him in Immortality; my body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and as for what worldly estate the Lord bless me with I dispose of in manner & form following—

First I order that my just debts & several charges be paid & discharged by my Executors—

Item I give & devise all I possess in my Tract of Land ^{situated in} I have here in the County of said containing by estimation five hundred & fifteen acres unto my three youngest sons William Joseph & Benjamin to be equally divided between them according to equality at the discretion of my Executors with the assistance of my brother Joseph Clark my order & it is my will that if Providence calls either of my said sons out of Time before they arrive to the age of Twenty one, his or their part is to be divided between the other two or the one that survive I Order & it my will that my Executors do give unto my Daughter Sarah Hannah when married in proportion to what my daughter charged & advanced had when married—

Item I give & bequeath to my son John a certain young bay mare with her foal and a hind white goat—

Item I give & bequeath unto my son James one Milch cow to be delivered to him by my Executors two years after my Decease—

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah one Milch cow to be delivered to her two years hence, & likewise one Milch cow to my daughter Mary to be delivered years hence, likewise

my Daughter Elizabeth one Moleh Cow to be delivered four
years hence, & the same to my daughter Sarah one Moleh Cow
to be delivered five years hence & likewise to my daughter
Margaret one Moleh Cow to be delivered six years hence, and
likewise to my Daughter Eleanor one Moleh Cow to be delivered
seven years hence -

Item I will & bequeath all the rest & Residue of my personal
Estate to my loving wife Mary, for her Support & family use
at home, and what remain after her death to be equally
divided between my three youngest sons & youngest daughter

Item I nominate & appoint my loving wife Mary & my brother James
Clark to be my Executors of this my last will & Testament, & hereby
I disavow all I have said & all former & other wills & Testaments
whether in word or writing, and declare this only to be my last
will & Testament, the witnesses whereunto I have set my hand
and seal this 5th of April 1772.

Signed sealed & declared by said William Clark to be
his last will & Testament in the presence of us

John Garrison
George Mitchell
John Davis

William Clark 

30 In the name of God Amen I Hugh Carothers of Muchlinsbury
County in the State of Carolina, being in a weak State of
Health but of a sound mind & in perfect memory thanks to
God for his mercies, taking into consideration the mortality
of my nature do judge it my duty to constitute & make this
my last will & Testament - First I do give & bequeath the
my Soul to Almighty God from whom I received it, & my body
to be decently interred at the discretion of my wife & Executors
here, the same being certain that it shall be raised at the last day.
As to my worldly Estate I will & bequeathly give that all my
Debts be paid, first - I give to my loving wife her bed &
bed clothes, one black mare & her saddle & two cows of her own
choosing, and all the powder, & the same the same I now live on