

In the name of good Men William Pickens of Rockingham  
County, State of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina being of perfect mind & memory blessed  
in god, &c. this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May in the Year of our Lord 1800 &  
24. 25 of American Independence, Make & publish this my last  
Will & Testament in manner following that is to say first I give  
& commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it  
me, and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of  
my Executors which I shall hereafter appoint in hope of a joyful  
resurrection thro' the merits & mediation of my Lord & Saviour  
Jesus Christ; And as for that worldly Estate wherein with it has pleased  
God to bestow upon me, for above my debts, I dispose thereof  
as follows; & first I Will that my Just debts be honestly & fully  
paid by my Executors at a convenient time after my decease  
& 2<sup>d</sup> I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth all my  
Stock of horses mares & colts, & 3<sup>d</sup> I also bequeath unto her my  
said wife all my Stock of Cows young & old, also all my Sheep  
& Hogs with all the farming Utensils, likewise all the household  
furniture & the House I lived during her natural life with all  
their Rights & Appurtenances; & 4<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath unto my el-  
dest Son James Pickens eldest Son to my Brother Samuel Pickens  
50<sup>0</sup> Shillings Ster, to be paid by my Executor at a convenient  
time after my decease, & 5<sup>th</sup> I leave & devise the tract of Land  
<sup>known by name</sup> ~~containing~~ <sup>known by name</sup> ~~containing~~ I or was line on containing 172 Acres &  
also a second Survey of older date containing 40 acres to my  
Wife to wit Sarah & Moll to be equally divided by granting  
& fully at my wife's decease to the said Sarah & Moll to  
have & hold to them or their assigns forever with all the rights  
improvements & Appurtenances thereunto belonging, & the said Sarah  
& Moll I do empower to not give from being Stewards to any person  
but to remain at the decease of my wife Elizabeth then and I have,  
make & confirm my ordered wife Elizabeth the Pickens to contain  
all my last Will & Testament And I do hereby certify that the  
said William Pickens has to this my last Will & Testament  
set my hand & seal the day & year above written -  
Signed sealed published & declared by the said William Pickens  
the testator in his last Will & Testament in the presence of us

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