

at his marriage. And in the last place I appoint my wife Elizabeth  
Finney & Thomas Winchester Executors of this my last Will & Testament  
as witness my hand & seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of  
our Lord 1805.

Sent for safe keeping  
William Bradshaw.

John Finney

In the name of God Amen. The 28<sup>th</sup> day of February in the Year of our  
Lord God 1805 I John Finney Sealed of Chalkenberg County & State of North  
Carolina being weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thank'd be  
given unto God: Therefore calling into mind the mortality of my body  
& knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make &  
ordain this my last Will & Testament, that is to say principally & first  
of all I give & command my soul into the hands of God that gave it  
& for my body I command it to the earth to be buried in a Christian  
like & decent at the discretion of mine Executors. Nothing done  
being left at the general resurrection shall receive the same  
again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such wa-  
lthy estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life  
I give, devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form  
whom I order all my just debts take discharge in the my family expenses  
Item I will to my beloved wife Elizabeth Howard the Mansion house  
in which she now lives, the maintenance of the plantation  
& the negro girl Lydia while she lives, also all the house prop-  
erty to her during her life time & at her death to be given  
to my daughter Elizabeth excepting what she pleases to dispose of  
otherwise in her life time, also the young black mare & colt the  
good horse best to work the plantation, also the produce of the  
plantation I will to my wife I also will to my wife the cattle &  
hogs that are on the place for the maintenance of herself & the  
children, also I will the farming tools to remain on the place in  
the use of the family excepting those tools which for her & child  
by her claims as their own they can take away  
Item I will to my son John Finney that tract of land containing  
85 acres more or less on which he has improved

117 Item. I Will to my son Ezekiel Foad 70 acres of land containing the school house & Spring with a part of the place I now live on; on the condition he will come & live on the said land, but he shall not take said land except to one or more of his brothers, unless they all agree to sell and move together -

Item. I Will to my son Zebulon Foad fifty acres of land containing the place I now live on also a horse Brast bridle & twenty dollars, also a new saddle - Item. I Will to my son William Foad fifty acres of land containing the place I now live on, also the young Mare named Green also a new saddle, I also Will that William my son be put to a trade, whatever trade he pleases at 18 years of age - Item. I Will to my son Ruben Foad fifty acres of land containing the place I now live on, also a horse bridle to be worth twenty dollars, also a new saddle, also I Will that Ruben my son be put to a trade, whatever trade he pleases at 18 years of age - N.B. Zebulon, William & Ruben are to have fifty acres of land each, they are to cast lots for choice, I also Will that William & Ruben have each three months schooling before they go to their trades - Item. I Will to my daughter Elizabeth Foad three monthly bedding & when she is of age a Mare & a new Saddle & Bridle with one horn 25 dollars & then suit of clothes - Item. I Will fifty acres of land containing land of my sister Elizabeth Morris to be sold & a horse bought to be purchased out of the price of said land for my son Zebulon Foad -

Item. I Will the negro girl Sylvia to my son John at his death upon condition if she has a female child that the said child shall be the property of my daughter Elizabeth; & if the said negro Sylvia has more children that one she shall equally divide amongst my children, and if she the said Sylvia has no girl child I Will a negro girl to be purchased of my estate for my Daughter Elizabeth -

Item. I Will that the two horses viz the one called Mark & the one which John Foad now uses in preference be sold in case to pay for the land bought of Mr. McCallum, the Barn is to be divided in equal shares & floor made & whatever else is needed for it, and then the surplus money is to be equally di-

sell and mean to gather -

Him. I will to my son Zebulon fowrd fifty acres of land bearing the place I now live on also a horse brast worth twenty dollars, also a new saddle - Him. I will to my son William fowrd fiftyn acres of land bearing the place I now live on, also the younger mare named Queen also a new saddle, I also will that William my son be sent to a trade, whatever trade he pleases at 18 years of ag - Him. I will to my son Reuben fowrd fifty acres of land bearing the place I now live on, also a horse brast to be worth seventy dollars, also a new saddle, also I will that Reuben my son be sent to a trade, whatever trade he pleases at 18 years of ag - NB Zebulon, William & Reuben are to have fifty acres of land each, they are to cast lots for choice, I also will that William & Reuben have each three months Schooling before they go to their trades - Him. I will to my daughter Elizabeth fowrd three months Schooling & when she is of age a Mere & new saddle & Bridle with one horse, 300 dollars & then suit of clothes - Him. I will fifty acres of land bearing land of my sister Elizabeth otherwise to be sold & a horse bought to be purchased out of the price of said land for my son Zebulon fowrd -

Him. I will the Negro girl Sylvia to my son John at his death upon condition if she has a female child that the said child shall be the property of my daughter Elizabeth; & if the said Negro Sylvia has more children that over she shall equally divided amongst my children, & if she the said Sylvia has no girl child I will a negro girl to be purchased of my estate for my daughter Elizabeth -

Him. I will that the two horses, viz the one called Mark & the one which John Purha, now in possession to be sold in case to pay for the land bought of Mr. Wm. Cuttah, the Barn is to be diminished ie covered, doors & floor made & whatever else is needed for it, and then the surplus money is to be equally re-  
al amongst my five sons that is the money now owing to  
of my mothers estate - Him. I constict make & ordain my  
beloved wife Elizabeth Executrix of my son John & all of my

8<sup>o</sup> English Sealed & Executed of this my last Will & Testament & do hereby  
utterly disallow & revoke & discancel all & every other testament, will  
& instrument, bequests & Executors by me in any wise before this time  
named, settled & agreeable to, Ratifying & confirming this known other  
to be my last Will & Testament, the Testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand & seal the day of my 8<sup>th</sup> year above written,  
Signed, sealed, published & pronounced & declared by the said  
John Allen Freeman as his last Will & Testament in the presence  
of us the subscribers. W<sup>m</sup>.

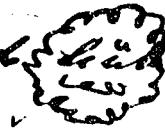
David Bass

Major Durkin

William Morris

J. M. Jr.

John Allen Freeman



In the name of God Amen. I John Allen Freeman of the County of Meck-  
lenburg State of North Carolina being of sound & perfect mind & memory  
I lay in God Do this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January in the Year of our Lord 1807  
make & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form as  
follows that is to say - first It is my Will & pleasure that all my just  
Debts shall be paid out of my Estate - 2<sup>d</sup>. I Will & bequeath to  
my beloved wife Barbara Freeman one Negro girl named Grace  
during her life & one third of the land that I now have in together  
with the mansion house, on land & furniture & bedsteads -  
Third. It is my Will that I bequeath to my son Gideon Freeman  
forty shillings money of the estate - 4<sup>th</sup>. I Will unto my Daughter  
Susanna Wagstaff forty shillings - 5<sup>th</sup>. I Will unto my son William  
Freeman the sum of forty shillings of just money -  
6<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath unto my son Allen Freeman forty shillings  
7<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Freeman 40 shillings  
8<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath unto my son Charles Freeman 60 shillings  
9<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath unto my son Anderson Freeman forty  
shillings, likewise one Negro man named Wood -  
10<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath unto my daughter Susanah Garmon value of 60 shillings  
11<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath unto Sophina Freeman Daughter of my present  
wife Barbara Freeman one Negro girl named Matt, one bed & furniture