

North Carolina 1788

In the name of God Amen.

I David Alexander, of New Hanover County, in the Province aforesaid, in perfect mind and memory, do make, ordain and declare this to be and contain my last Will and Testament in manner, and form following, that is to say:

First. I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, hoping and believing a redemption of my sins in and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour, and as for my worldly estate I give and bequeath as follows:

Item. My Will is that all my just debts be paid immediately after my decease by my Executors hereafter mentioned.

Item. First of all, I desire my beloved wife Sarah Alexander, should have the use of my lands I now live on, only during her widowhood, and if that my wife should marry before my son Price comes to age, my desire is, that my lands should be sold by my Executors at twelve months credit in behalf of my son Price; and that the money be put to use for my son Price until he comes to age; and I do here empower my Executors to make a good and lawful right to the said lands, to any person that should purchase, as though I was personally present; my will is, that my said lands should be sold for the sum of two hundred pounds Proch. Money; if the said lands shall not sell for the above said sum, my desire is, that my lands should be rented out to the highest bidder, until my son Price comes to age.

Item. I give unto my beloved wife, two negroes, to wit, Hunt and Phillis, for ever, at her own disposal. Also I give my said wife one half of my stock of horses and cattle with my son Price. Also I give my wife one half of all my household furniture with my son Price; and give my said wife all my stock of sheep and hogs at her own disposal; and it is my desire that what money is now due me shall be equally divided between my wife and son. Next I desire beaver and Tanned shall be sold for twelve months credit, and the money equally divided between said wife and son.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Price my whole stock of negroes, excepting those before mentioned, to him and his heirs forever. Further, my Will is that my son Price should be put to school at ten years old and continued until sixteen, and then be bound out to a trade suitable till at age.

Lastly. I nominate and appoint my loving wife Sarah Alexander, James Medaleton and John Nichols Executors of this my last Will and Testament, declaring this to be my first and last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and

seventy five
 Signed, sealed and delivered
 in presence of us
 Bishop Dudley,
 Obediah Alexander,
 James Downing

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At New Hanover, July Court 1775

The within will was exhibited to the Court, and proved on the oath of Obediah Alexander, a subscribing witness thereto, who swore he saw the Testator sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be contain his last will and Testament, and that at the time thereof, he appeared to be of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that Bishop Dudley, and James Downing signed with him as concurring evidence to the same. At the same time, Sarah Alexander, James Howard, James Middleton, and John Nichols qualified as Executors and Executors thereto agreeable to law. Ordered letters testamentary issued accordingly.

John London. C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I John Annum of Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory, but uncertain of the term of life in this transitory world, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament, hereby revoking every writing from me purporting to that purpose. My soul I recommend to the mercy of the great Creative Cause, and hope for salvation through the merits of our blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ. My body I could wish to be decently interred, but without superfluous ostentation.

What worldly effects it may have pleased God to give me on this stage of life, I give and bequeath as follows.

It is my request that all my just debts be first paid from outstanding debts due me, and in case of failure of the recovery of said debts due to me, so that my Executors and Executors hereinafter named are rendered unable to discharge my debts as above expressed, in such case it is my will and request that my Executors and Executors make sale of the following tracts of land, viz, One tract containing six hundred and forty acres in Mecklenburg County on Indian Creek, near and above Francis Beath's land, beginning at a white oak, &c. as also three hundred acres in said county on the shady branches of Clerk's Creek, joining Hugh McMillen's two lines. As also two