

In the name of God, Amen October the 28th 1775

Alexander Coharan of the County of Orange and Province of North Carolina being sound of mind tho' weak of body knowing that all men are once to die and being very apprehensive of the brevity of my time by my present indisposition thinks it my duty now to make my last Will and Testament. I bequeath and freely give my soul to God he give the same hoping he will pardon all my sins and favor me with a glorious resurrection after my sleep my body being recently interred. I order as to my worldly concerns in manner following that all my legall Debts be honestly discharged out of my Estate that God in his providence hath blessed me withal and what remains I leave and bequeath in manner following that is to my will beloved Wife Easter I leave the benefit of the third of my real and personall Estate so long as she doth remain a Widow, and when that she doth marry then she is to give all bloom or bloom to any thing belongin to me and his Bid & the whole also I leave to my eldest son John Coharan the Improvement that I purchased of Barnabas Grims also I do leave unto my second son James Coharan the plantation that I purchased of Richard Barsons with the Land lying betwixt said place and the river or branch running past the House that Richd Will now lives in Likewise I leave to my son Alexander Coharan the same Summ Coharan and the Child my beloved Wife is now great with if it should be a son the Estate or plantation I myself doth now live upon to be divided equally into three Shares that is to say if the Child my Wife is with should be a son, then that Land over the branch meachand to James to be given to Alexander, Samuel and the Child my Wife is with if a son, and if it should be daughter then James to have it at the year of Twenty one but the other Alexander Samuel not to have the Command of their Land till the will of the Children that is my beloved Daughter Jan Coharan Easter Coharan & Bridget Coharan be raised that is till they come to the years of eighteen then of the Child my Wife is with be a Daughter James Alexander and Samuel shall each of them pay the sum of five pounds to any of my Daughters as their part I leave them of the Land that is to say in the last of their part for I would not allow to let them have Land, also order constitute Vppoint my loving Wife Easter Coharan then John Coharan of Orange County Province of North Carolina and Parish of Saint Matthews

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justly and severally to be the Executors and holden order of this my last Will & Testament Resolving all other former Will Testaments or promises made by me and thys and none else to be my last Will Testament of all my Estate Real and Temporall given under my hand & Seale the day and year above written

Love Belld and (Beloved)
in Improvement of

My dear Wife
March

John Moore

his
Alexander V. Coharan (Seal)
mark

St. Charles &
Orange County

Known I have to my eldest daughter Mary Coharan now Wife of Richard Gyr from Shilling, starting out of my estate while full paid.

May Court 1776 The Execution of the within Will was duly proved in open Court by the oath of John Moore one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded

Test, J. Mark

In the name of God Amen, I the last Will and Testament of Arthur Stephens is as follows first of all I bequeath my Soul to God and my Body to the Ground from whence it came and my Land, Moveable Estate as follows, to my eldest daughter Sarah I bequeath one feather Bid and furniture on one side Saddle to my second Daughter Susan I bequeath one Feather Bid & Furniture with three pounds in Money to Elizabeth my third eldest Daughter I bequeath one Feather Bid it is not my desire that my Land should be sold to the highest bidder giving one twelve Months Credit for one half and two years for the other, my Stock Horses Shup Cattle Hogs it is my desire they should be sold to the highest bidder giving one year Credit and my Household Goods to be sold at the same Credit, and it is my desire that all moneys arising from such Sales shall be equally divided amongst all my five Children, that if the Land accepted which I desire should be equally divided between the three Boy Children it is not my desire that Joshua Johnston and Jonathan John McConne and Abraham Stephens they Executors of my Will made on the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & twenty six, March 22. signed in presence of James Lambell, Esq. Harrington John & Bridget mark