

In the name of God Amen I John Saphley
 Bathurst of the County of Orange and State of North
 Carolina being in a perfect State of Health, thanks
 to God for the same, but desiring to mind the
 Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is
 appointed for all Men once to Die to make
 and ordain this my last Will and Testament as
 followeth First and principally of all I recommend
 my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God
 that gave it and my Body I commend Earth
 from whence it came to be buried in a decent
 manner at the discretion of my Executors not
 doubting but hoping at resurrection to receive a
 final reward and as touching such worldly
 Estate whatsoever it hath been pleased God to Bestow
 me with in this Life I give and bequeath in
 the following manner and form to wit

I give unto my well beloved Wife Sarah
 Patterson all my Personal Estate ^{except my own} after paying
 my just Debts as also the Land and Plantation
 wherein I now live during her natural life or
 widowhood, then my Personal Property to be equally
 divided between my three Children, my Land
 wherein I now live I give unto my well beloved
 Son John Patterson and two new Surveys my
 joining and the other sold in a Branch called
 Captains Branch of purchase with three Slaves namely
 Gay Sir & Phillis and their increase. I then

I also give unto my beloved Wife, ²⁹⁴ ~~my~~ ^{her} ~~Patterson~~ ^{her} ~~named~~
 Charles Ephraim, Wife of John, during his natural life
 or widowhood, then to fall to my only Daughter William
 Patterson. I then I also give and bequeath to my well beloved
 Son Isaac Patterson my Plantation I bought of John Whitley
 and also a tract I bought of William Hally with three
 Slaves namely Hiram, Sall and Paul and their increase.
 I then I also give and bequeath unto my only and beloved Daugh-
 ter William Patterson three Slaves namely Ben, George & Austin
 and their increase and I do also constitute & appoint my
 well beloved Wife, together with my only & well beloved Brother
 Mark Patterson whole & sole Executors of this my last Will,
 and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
 my Hand and affixed my Seal the 10th Day of
 February 1781.

Signed Sealed and
 Delivered in the presence of
 Jos. Barber, John
 Patterson, Bacter Boring

Wm. S. Patterson

Orange County N. C. Nov. 1781

The Execution of the within Will of John Saphley
 Patterson (Deceased) was duly proved in open Court by
 the Oaths of Joseph Barber & John Patterson subscribing
 Witnesses Mark & Isaac & as Witnesses.

Wm. S. Patterson