

Penitent sinner when I come to him for mercy
in this hope and confidence I render up my soul
with comfort humbly beseeching the most
Blessed and Glorious Trinity One God most holy
most merciful and Gracious to Repair me
for the time of my delinquency and then to take
me to him self into that Peace and Rest and
Incomparable felicity which he has Prepared
for those that love and fear his holy Name
Amen Blessed be God forever Give my Body
to the Earth from whence it came taken in
full assurance of its Resurrection from thence
at the last day as for my Personal Justice
it may be in a prudent manner at the
Discretion of my Executors here after Named
as to my worldly Estate I will and Positively
Order that all my debts be Paid Item
I give and bequeath to my dear and Loving
wife Elizabeth I give her the Third of all my
Posses Excepting my Land as for my son
James my son John and my daughter
Martha Mary Innet Elizabeth and Ann
Each of them and Every one to have one Part
and to my daughter Ann ten Pounds over
and above her Part and my Land that
I am now Possessed of at Newhope I give
and bequeath to my son William and to
my daughter Margaret I give one third of
what I Possess of my moveable Estate
the Remainder I give to my son William

after all debts and Legacies is Paid and my
Disire is that my wife Elizabeth live with my
son William and I constitute and appoint
Charles Johnston and John Craig to be my
my Executors of this my last will and
Testament Proving and Disannulling all
will or wills here to fore by me made
Respecting and ordaining my Executors to be
this fully Complicated and Confirmed in witness
whereof I have here unto set my hand and Seal
this Eighth day of Octob^r in the year of Our Lord
God One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Two
Signed Sealed & Delivered
in Presence of us ^{his} William & Blackwood ^{Witness}
Abel Mahan
William Tate
Mary Sample } Just P. Nash fl.

Beit Remembered that Nathaniel Matter
of the Parish of Saint Matthews on the waters of Ence
in Orange County North Carolina hath this day Considered
it being the Thirtieth day of July Anno Domini
One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty one that
a will was Proved to be made by Body Being
law and what at the my understanding comprehends
the Signification of this my last will and Testament

I Promise my Just Debts to be Paid According
to the Specimen of Our Just Laws ———
Secondly, I do bequeath unto my Bosom Friend and
Loving wife Mary one feather Bed and all its
Furniture two smilch cows kept for her well
quity without last free Satisfaction to Raaf
fine and Repaid through my Name in which
I am now living to the End of her Days
likewise I will and allow her our Good
Hartmy Horse man or Geldin to be at
her sole Disposal and Command upon said
Promises your Hops or Wine she shall
or may keep with a Satisfaction, a few Cuffs
Dicks and H. not exceeding six of each
sort grown or to be wintered she shall
have a Privilege of any thing should happen
during her widowhood on out of Disturbance
as House built on the owners foot of said
Land that I now possess falling to him in
with twenty acres of Land adjoining the Big
Road and the same shall take in and admit
the Spring head nigh the Big Road she shall
have one Bush of Glax and sowed each
year during her widowhood if required regularly
she shall have sufficient fire wood drawn
to her Door or when she orders it be laid down
also she shall have fire Round Plannam
Paid to her yearly and every year

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I being her widowhood on the Twenty seventh
day of Novemb^r. Each Year Provided Pursuant the
Wills that if my wife Mary above written
mentioned or Intend to be mentioned Moneys
she shall have her five Bonds of Moneys
during life and by her to be disposed when
she lists — Thirdly my Daughter Mary here
and Jo will and bequeath that she shall
have one feather bed and furniture two
milk cows and forty Bonds Paid in one
Year after she comes to the Years of
Twenty one further more I will and bequeath
to my Younger Daughters Viz^y Gemima
and Rejiah the same consubstantially with
my Daughter Mary fourthly and lastly
I will and bequeath to my only Son now
living Peter Walter all my lands holds
and Buildings situate on Ence in the
Province of North Carolina fourthly of
Orang to him his heirs and assigns for
Ever also tis by this my will constituted
that my wife Mary and my son Peter
be an heirs hereby Ordained my Executors
to this my last will and Testament Given
under my hand and seal the Day and year
above written —
Sealed pronounced and
Delivered in the Presence of
Wm Durbin
Isom Rivers
Janet Schuster
Peter ^{his} Walter ^{mark} Seal
S^t P. Nash J^c

But further known to all men this becometh to
my will is such that Every Slave and
Negro that I have now in Possession shall
be Submissive and Obedient to my Beloved
Many Wishes they and Every of them Faithfully
Truly and Honestly Obey his fall and Orders
in all and Every Request during his
Widowhood Moreover if my Ex^r see cause
to sell one or more of my Slaves either on
acc^t of my debts to Satisfy the Same or
an acc^t of selfish willfull Disobedience
in the whole or either of them or an acc^t
of Discharging the Legacies as before Written
Put down and written after the whole of this
my last will and Testament is duly Offered
Faithfully completed and fulfilled my
Son Peter shall have all my Negroes or
the Residence of Stock Lands and Every
thing Else now or may be mine here after
in full Clear and Absolute Possession to
Dispos^e of as his free Right and title
with all some unknown Legacies that Perhaps
may now be or be here after if such be
known now or be here after it shall be
Equally Divided be tween my wife and children
as witness my hand and Seal this fourth Day of
August 1771

Test Wm Dublin
Jno Ruess
Wm Thomas

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Wm Walla Esq
J Mark St Mark

In the Name of God Amen
I John Baskett of North Carolina in the County of Orange
Being weak in Body by of Sound Memory Witness be God
February the 16 in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand
Seven Hundred Seventy one make and Publish this my
last will and Testament in Manner and form following
that is to say First I Give to my wife Ann Baskett
all my Goods Chattels that I am Possessed with
Except one bed and Furniture which Give to my
Son William Baskett I also Give to my wife Ann
Baskett the Part of Land that I now live on with all
the Appurtenances Belonging thereto for her use Except
my Debts to be Paid out of the Moveable Estate—
which I owe in this County Note this Possession that
I have Endowed my wife Ann Baskett with is onty to
Stand till my Son Thomas Baskett comes of Age or
marries then for him to be the Sole Owner and Possess
I Give that is the Land that I now live on and
likewise half my Moveable Estate and the other half
I Give and Bequeath to my wife Ann Baskett
also I Give to my wife what money is owing to
me in this County after my Debts is Paid third
also I Give and Bequeath to my Son William Baskett
my Negro Boy named Joel also also a Part of
Land lying in Butte County Excepting one Hundred
and But if my Son William Baskett should die
with out heirs I Give and his Part to my Son
Thomas Baskett but if my Son Thomas Baskett
should die with out heirs I Give and bequeath