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In the name of God Amen I Jacob Cantrell  
of the County of Orange and Province of North Carolina  
being in a low state of Health but of perfect sense and  
memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same but calling  
to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is  
appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain  
this my last Will and Testament, that is to say  
Principally and first of all I give and recommend  
my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it  
and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried  
in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of  
my Executors. Nothing doubting but at the general  
I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of  
God and as touching such worldly estate wherein with  
it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give  
desire and purpose of the same in the following manner  
and form. First I give and bequeath to my eldest  
Daughter Martha Cantrell one brown mare three year  
old known by the name of Bonney one Thomas Saddle one  
feather Bed and furniture and likewise one Cow & Calf  
to her her Heirs and assigns forever. Also I give and  
bequeath to my Daughter Jane Cantrell one horse and  
Thomas Saddle worth fifteen pounds old trade one  
leather Bed and furniture and likewise one Cow &  
Calf to her and her Heirs forever. Also I give to my  
Daughter Hannah Cantrell one Horse & Thomas Saddle  
worth fifteen pounds old trade one feather Bed &  
furniture and likewise one Cow & Calf to her & her heirs forever.

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Also I give to my Daughter Sarah Cantrel one  
House & Woman's Saddle worth fifteen pounds also  
trade one feather Bed and furniture and likewise  
one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever.—  
Also I give to my Daughter Susannah Cantrel one  
House and Woman's Saddle worth fifteen pounds also  
trade one feather Bed and furniture and likewise  
one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever.—  
I promise I bind to my well beloved Wife Mary  
Cantrel during her widowhood the Plantation  
whereon I now live with all the Land thereunto belon-  
ing and likewise my three Negroes (viz) Samuels  
and Biley and likewise all the rest of my Estate  
be it of what kind or quality soever, and at her  
Death if she dies my Widow that I leave that part  
of my Estate so left to be equally divide Between  
my three Sons Zebedee Cantrel, Thomas Cantrel &  
Joseph Cantrel but if in case my Widow should  
intervary my Will and desire is that that part  
of my Estate so left should be appraised by two persons  
choose by my Executors whom I shall hereafter  
appoint, and if my Widow and the person  
she enternaries will give Bond with  
sufficient Security for the sum of Money that  
arises from the appraisement of that part of  
estate to my three sons before named to be paid  
at the Decreas of my Wife it shall continue  
in their hands if they refuse to give such  
Bond & Security my desire is that at my  
Widow's intermarriage that that part of

my Estate which is left to her be taken out 12th  
of her hands & divided equally between  
my three Sons before named. Lastly I appoint  
Joseph Cantrell & my wife Mary Cantrell my  
Whole and Sole Executrix of this my last Will  
and Testament revoking and disanulling all  
Wills by me heretofore made declaring this  
to be my last Will and Testament. In witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
seal this sixth day of July in the year of our  
Lord Christ One Thousand Seven hundred &  
Eighty two, Signed sealed published and  
declared in the presence of us

Paste *J. Jacob Cantrell* *Seal*  
John Henslee *Jurat*  
Rachel <sup>her</sup> Robinson *Jurat*  
mark

State of North Carolina  
Hillsborough District

October Seven 1792

The last Will and Testament of Jacob  
Cantrell deceased was proved in open Court by the Oath  
of John Hensley & Rachel Robinson the two subscribing  
Witnesses thereto, and on motion Ordered to be Admitted to  
Probate in the County Court of Orange

Attest Asst. At. C. B. K.

M<sup>r</sup> Cantrell's Will was proved at the last superior Court and  
it was the opinion of the Judges that the Executors should  
Qualify on the County Court and take out Letters Testamentary