

In the name of God Amen
 Know all men by these presents that I Stephen Tatom
 of Orange County and State of North Carolina am
 in a low state of health but in perfect sense and
 full memory thanks be given to God all calling to mind
 that it is appointed for man to die I thought proper
 to make my will as followeth Viz, after the Life
 departed and my Soul to God who gave it and my
 body buried in a Christian manner all the world's
 possession with which the Lord has blessed me,
 I dispose of in the following manner Viz, I leave
 to my well beloved wife Maria during her natural
 Life all my world Estate except what Land lies on
 the South side of the Spring branch provided she
 continues a widow but if she marries shall have
 a Childs part only after her decease I leave
 all the Land I possess between Camp Creek and
 the Spring branch to my Son Stephen, I leave
 all the Land on the South side of said Spring
 Branch to my Son John, I leave all the Land
 I possess on the East side of Camp Creek to my
 Daughters to be equally divided between them
 that is to say Sarah & Anna, I leave to my
 Son William One Shilling Sterling and after the
 Decease of my Wife all my

moveable Estate to be Equally divided between
 my five Daughters to wit, Elizabeth Francis
 Rezia Mary & Lemuel but if my Wife marries
 all to be divided according to my will -
 I do hereby appoint my trusty friends Paul and
 Josiah & John Wilborn to be Executors to this my
 last will all which I acknowledge to be my will
 and In Testimony thereof have hereunto set my
 hand & Seal this third day of September 1788
 1788 Signed Sealed & acknowledged

In the presence of

Stephen Tatom

Fowler Jones } Lucat
 Wmth Tatom } Lucat
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In the name of God Amen, I Charles Schuster this 9th day
 of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
 hundred & Eighty Nine now being of perfect mind and
 memory thanks be to god all calling to mind that it is
 appointed for all men once to die, I do therefore make
 known and Publish this to be my last will and Testament
 that is to say in manner and form following, first I
 give up my Soul to that great god the Judge of
 Heaven and Earth who gave it. Secondly my body
 to be decently buried in Christian and Orderly manner
 also all my last debts to be paid and afterwards my whole
 Estate Real and Personal that God has been pleased

to bestow on me to be given and distributed in manner
and form as followeth First I give and bequeath
to my Dear and well beloved Wife Martha Sim
two Negroes Pompey & Beti for and during her
natural life and at her Death to be given to my
Son in law John Freeland to be his right & property
and further I give and bequeath unto my said
Wife one bay Mare & a Horse named Darius
with two pair of Hears one great Plow & one
small Plow one Mattock & Hilling Hoe her
& Bridle two Cows & Calves with four head of dry
Cattle all of her own Churning also six head of Sheep
together with all the Household furniture, and further
I order that my said wife shall have and receive the
Sum of ten Pounds Annually paid her by my son
George if requires by her for support to her yearly
during her natural life — And further I give
and bequeath to my son George Robinson all my
real Estate that I now possess together with all my
Improvements as also two Negroes to wit Jacob & Joe — as
also my Mill with all the rights thereto belonging — as also
six head of Sheep with all my Shoemaker tools of
Iron with one two year old Plow, all to be his right &
property —

And further give and bequeath to my Son in law Samuel
Craig One Negro fellow named Prince to be his right & property
and further I give and bequeath to my Son in law
Stephen One Negro Woman named Salt to be his
right & property —

and further I give and bequeath to my Son in law
Chaleous Bailey one negress girl named Ruth
that he has now in possession as also to be paid him
the sum of Twenty pounds to be raised from the
sums and of my moveable property as well to have
two head of Cows that I have not given away or
may hereafter give away as mentioned in my
will and still —

And further I give and bequeath to my Son in law
Matthew McCauley one Negro Boy named Isaac
to be his right & property as also to have two head of
Cows with their Calves & to have the second choice —
And further I give and bequeath to my Son in law
John Freeland one Negro Girl named Milly to be
his right and property of also two head of Cows with
their Calves and that to be their choice —

And further I give and bequeath to Charles McCauley
my yearling Mare Colt to be his right and property —
And further I give and bequeath to William Craig
my Grand son my best sort of Cattle with my
best Horse to be his right and property —

And further I give and bequeath to Charles Strayhorn
my riding Saddle & Bridle to be his right & property —
And further I give and bequeath to John McCauley
my Grand son one two year old Heifer to be his right
and property —

And further I order and decree that after paying
the sum of twenty pounds as before mentioned and
all my Just Debt with all other necessary expenses

The remaining part of my moveable property that I have not given away, I order that it shall be equally divided amongst my Wife and all my Children to have an equal part and lastly in order to put this my last Will and Testament into execution, I constitute nominate and appoint my trusty and well beloved friends Samuel Gray & M^r McCauley to act and to act for me in this my last will & Testament in all manner of things set forth in it, as I myself might or could do was I personally present.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year first above written.

Signe sealed & Acknowledged

In the presence of the
M^r Blackwood } Trust
Joseph Blackwood }
James Blackwood }

Charles Johnston

In the name of God Amen I James Dixon of Orange County and State of North Carolina, being through a bountiful mercy of God this weak & feeble body left yet of a perfect understanding and memory do ordain constitute and appoint this my last will & Testament. First I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my maker trusting his most gracious acceptance of it through all the sufficient merits and mediation of my most precious redeemer Jesus Christ. I give my body to the Earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection from thence at the last Day as for my Burial I desire it may be decent without pomp or state of the discolouration of my Dear Wife, and my Executors hereafter named who I doubt not, will manage it with all requisite prudence, as for my personal Estate I will and positively order that all my Debts be paid, first I give unto my Dear Loving Wife for the term of her life this House where I now dwell with her bed & furniture thereto belonging I give and bequeath unto my Son James and Stewart, the Land I now live on, also I give and bequeath to my son Robert and William the Plantation I formerly lived on, and further I order and allow my Executors to value said Land and make an equal divide with my son Thomas, & I will and bequeath to my Daughter Polly one Horse & Saddle worth thirty Pounds also Cows and a feather bed & furniture and one Chest, and further I give to my wife one equal share of all the personal property which is to be sold or valued at the discretion of my Executors I also ordain and hereby nominate and appoint my well beloved Wife Nancy & Stewart Executors