In the name of God Amen I Alexander Allebane of the county of Orange and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God for it, and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I therefore make and ordain this my last will and Testament I first and principally bless and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent and christian manner (at the discretion of my executors) nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me within this life, I give demise and dispose of in the following manner, (to wit) I give and bequeath to my loving wife a horse known by the name of Sharp, a Mare & Colt four Cows, all the sheep on the plantation, two feather Beds and furniture, and all my household furniture except what will be hereafter mentioned, the Dwelling house and kitchen and Barn, the Negroes Jack, Tamar, Bud, Sean, Caleb, Joe, Patience, her son Jack, Nell & Tom, and all the profits arising from them of the plantation, this is all the clear land as yet on said plantation during her life.

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Children besides what I have already given them, in manner following, (to wit) I give to my Son William five pounds Specie.

Item I give to my Son Alexander a Mulattoe Tom.

Item I give to my Son James, a Negroe Boy named Clerk and fifty Acres of my land to be laid off adjoining the line I had surveyed to him before.

Item I give to my Son John a Mulattoe boy named Frank.

Item I give to my Daughter Jennett Anderson after my Wife's death a Mulattoe Wench named Nell.

Item I give to my Daughter Ann Allebane twenty pounds Specie to be paid out of my estate within two years after my deceased and after my Wife's decease the Mulattoe wench named Patience.

Item I give to my Daughter Margaret Allebane through a Mulattoe wench named Milly.

Item I give to my Grand Daughter Margaret Anderson a young Negroe named Dempsey, a horse named Stiff & Saddle and bridle, a feather bed and furniture and two Cows.

Item I give to my Grand Son Alexander Anderson a young Negro named Joe at my wife's Decease.

Item I give to my loving Wife all my household furniture at her disposal except one Desk I give to my Son James, the books that are in Copartnership between John Hodge and myself (viz) Matthew Henrys Annotations on the bible and Testament I leave to my Son Alexander. Item I leave to my Son David after he pays all my just Debts and all the above Legacies paid the plantation on only what part above Reserved to my Son James.

with all its appurtenances, the remainder of my Negroes and all the remaining part of my Estate only one of my stills to my Son Jacob.

Item and lastly my will is that my two Sons Alexander and James Allebane be sole & sole Executors of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and eighty Nine and in the thirteenth year of American Independence

Signed Sealed & acknowledged Alex. Mebane (Seal)
in the presence of —
Thos. Mulholland
Edward Wilson } Witnesses
William Wilson

Orange County February Court 1793

The Execution of the last Will and Testament of Alexander Mebane Senr. deceased was duly proved in open court by the Oaths of Thomas Mulholland and William Edwards two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded

Abner B. Brown Clk