

In the Name of God Amen the seventeenth day May  
 year one thousand seven hundred and ninety two I John  
 of the County of Orange and State of North Carolina  
 being sick and weak in body but of good and perfect mind  
 Thanks be given unto God for it. Calling to mind the  
 frailty of my body and now knowing that it is  
 appointed for all men once to die. do make and  
 publish this my last Will and Testament. That is  
 to say. I give and bequeath unto the Hands of God that  
 my body I recommend to the Earth to  
 be buried in decent Christian Burial at the Dis-  
 cretion of my Executors. Nothing doubting but at  
 the general Resurrection I shall revive the same by  
 the mighty power of God. and as touching such  
 worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God  
 to bless me in this life I give devise and Dispose  
 the same in the following manner and form —  
 I give and bequeath to Margaret my dear  
 wife the one third of my Land During  
 her Life and at her death it is to

Come to my three sons Matthew John and  
 Richard also one Black Man and if she  
 should have another Child or two the are to be  
 given to my two young Daughters at their Mar-  
 riage I also the third part of my goods and  
 Chattels. I give unto my dear  
 wife Margaret Woods. Also I give and be-  
 queath unto my son Matthew Woods one  
 hundred and twenty eight Acres three  
 and thirteen poles lying in the Old place  
 crossing Bufflow Creek one set of plow  
 Irons one speaking Ax —  
 Also I give and bequeath unto son John Woods  
 hundred and twenty eight Acres three  
 and thirteen poles of Land joining the Old place  
 crossing Bufflow Creek one set of plow Irons  
 one Waggon and two good Horses one four  
 year old and the other Two when he comes to age  
 Also all my wearing apparel two Bibles  
 one Book Bundle of Silver —

Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter  
 Sarah Woods one hundred and twenty eight Acres  
 three and thirteen poles where  
 she lives I also give one set of plow Irons  
 one speaking Ax one saddle about a man  
 weight to have when he comes to age  
 I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Marg-  
 aret Woods one Bay Mare and Coult one Bible  
 and psalm Book together with all her property she  
 may lawfully claim —  
 I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Nancy  
 Woods thirty pounds good money of this currency and  
 if it should happen that she should  
 marry again she may have her choice whether to take  
 the thirty pounds above mentioned one Bible  
 and psalm Book —  
 I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah  
 Woods one bay Coult two years old and one saddle and  
 one Bible and psalm Book —  
 I give unto my three youngest Daughters all my  
 new calfs shap one Horse and one Mare together with  
 the moveable Goods which is not mentioned above

by De.  
 Also I give to my son in law James Kirkpatrick  
 an Bible and one psalm Book  
 Also I give unto my Daughter Hannah Kirkpatrick  
 one Bible one psalm Book

Whereas I have Margaret my dearly beloved  
 and my son Matthew Woods to be my Executors  
 thus my last Will and Testament Ratified  
 Confirming this and no other in Witness my  
 hand and seal the Day and Year above written  
 signed sealed published pronounced and delivered by the said  
 John Woods as his last Will and Testament in  
 presence of us the subscribers

Mr. Allen  
 Newton Smith  
 Thomas Bradford

State of North Carolina }  
 Orange County } November Term 1798  
 The Decree of the within  
 Will of John Woods deceased was duly proved and  
 then heard by the oath of Abraham Allen & Richard  
 of the subscribing Ministers Thurst and ordered to be  
 Recorded  
 John B. Bland Clk

North Carolina }  
 Orange County } Inquisition Indented taken at  
 the Court Trading Ford upon the great Alleman  
 Creek in the aforesaid the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1798  
 before me William Ray one of the Justices  
 of the County aforesaid upon the Oath of the Bodies  
 of James McNaughtan and Hannah Holmes then  
 and there lying Dead upon the Cattle of John  
 Ray James Stock to wit John McDaniel James  
 Thompson Joseph Glendon James Finck James  
 Daniel Ruck & Gole John Bullock Geph Holmes  
 John Patton & Ruck and Christmas's good and law  
 ful men of the Court by aforesaid who being Char-  
 ged and sworn to inquire how and in what manner  
 the said James McNaughtan and Hannah Holmes  
 came and upon their oath do say  
 that upon the 14<sup>th</sup> of this instant by endeavoring to  
 cross the said Alliance Creek when it was not fordable  
 here then and their both Drowned  
 Testimony whereof as Wile I the said Justice as the  
 Jurors aforesaid to this Inquisition have swornally put  
 their seals to day year and place first above  
 mentioned

William Ray  
 John Ray  
 J. G. Lockard  
 John McDaniel  
 James Thompson  
 Joseph Glendon  
 James Finck  
 James McDaniel  
 John Bullock  
 Geph Holmes  
 John Patton  
 R. Christmas

Orange County Court November 1798

~~James McDaniel~~  
~~John Bullock~~  
~~Geph Holmes~~  
~~John Patton~~  
~~R. Christmas~~  
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