

(39) In the Name of god aman I William Baston being this the  
Second & Morn and goodness of god the mark in body age of  
seventy and perfect understandings and memory do constitute this  
my last Will & Testament and desire it may be known by all as  
such & in most humble & ingratefull waye to god my maker & controller  
the most just & righteous sentence of it through the all sufficient merit  
and mediation of our most compasseionate Redemer Jesus Christ  
who giveth himselfe to be an attemption for my sins and is able  
to draw to the fatheatre all that come unto god by hisse being  
in power leath to make intercession for them and who strake  
will not reject me a returning Prodigal sinner when I come  
to him for mercy on this hope and confidence I bind over my  
soul with sumfite humbly beseeching the most blessed &  
glorious Virgin our god most Holy Mary Moreysgate and  
unction to prepar me for the time of my despatches and then  
to take me to himself into that peace and rest and immorality  
eternal felicity which he has prepared for us that love and  
him in hys Name Amens. Aloud say god I give my body to  
the earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of its  
resurrection from thence at the last daye for my service  
I desire it may be burnt without pymp or state at the  
interction of my dear wife and my execution hereafter named  
who I doubt not will manage it with all requirment prudenc  
and dili. I will and positively ordene that all  
my debts be paid.

I will I give to my dear and loving wife for the term of  
her life this house wherew I now dwelle with all the  
furniture and the land and tenementes that lie aboute  
it except three pounds current money to each of my sonnes  
as they come of age and to each of my daughteres one  
pound current money and after the death of my deare wife  
the land to be sold to the best bidder given one year credit  
the money then to be equally divided betwixt my  
three sonnes the household goods and stock and every thing  
belonging to the estate to be equally divided among  
my daughteres and I do constitute my wife Executrix of  
my son John Baston of this my last will and  
testamente in witness wherof I have hereunto set my  
hand and seal the twenty first day of November  
in the year of our Lord 1782 A.D.  
William Baston  
John Baston  
Stephen McCallum

Copy 2<sup>nd</sup> Decemr 1782  
William Baston Esq.

The Execution of thid last will and testamente of William Baston  
was proved at New Castle city by Wm Henshaw Notary  
Public and Ordred to be Recorded  
(Copy given) *John Lagon Esq*  
  
Know all men by these presents that we John Lagon and William Teste  
both of the State of New Jersey and County of Morris for and in consideration  
of one hundred pounds lawney of the State of North Carolina to Robin  
Wood of the State of North Carolina and County of  
Randolph it and before the sealing and delivering of these presents the  
receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge these bargained sold  
Released granted and confirmed and by these presents to Robins ill  
Robins grant and confirms unto the said Robin Wood a certain  
Negro man <sup>aged</sup> Jack to have and to hold the said Negro man by the  
present bargained sold Robins granted and confirmed unto  
Robin Wood his executors and assigns for ever quiett peaceably  
and intirely without any contradiction claim or hindrance of any  
Person whatsoever and without any account to user to any  
other Person or to be made answerd or hereafter to be demandd  
to that neither we the said John Lagon or William Teste nor any  
Other for as in our names any right title interest or demand  
of in to or for the said Negro man bought to exact Challenge claim  
or demand at any tyme or time hereafter had from all Persons  
right to the same and intent thereof shall be wholly barred  
by force and Virtue of these presents and we the said John Lagon  
and William Teste for our selves our executors and administrators  
the said Negro man unto the said Robin Wood his executors  
Administrators and assigns against us the said John Lagon and  
William Teste our executors Administrators and assigns and again  
all and Every other person or persons whatsoever shall and will  
knowe and be bound by these presents in witness wherof we have  
hereunto set our hands and seal this twenty fourth day of October  
in the eleventh year of American Independence A.D. 1782  
Signed acknowledged and  
Delivered in the presence of  
Stephen McCallum  
John Lagon Esq  
William Teste Esq

Done at New Castle City  
27 Oct 1782  
Signed by Stephen McCallum  
by Stephen McCallum