

Martin son of Andrew Martin deceased two hundred and fifty acres of land wherein his father lived I further give and bequeath to my Grandson Andrew Martin son of Walter all the remainder of the land I now possess with the dwelling house. The tract of land wherein I now live supposed to contain two hundred and forty six acres with its appurtenances after the decease of his Grandmother Esther Martin.

I give and bequeath to my Grandson John Martin son of Robert Martin deceased the sum of one dollar out of my estate, after all my lawful debts are paid to be after the death of my wife to him his heirs &c. I give and bequeath to my son Walter Martin and my daughter Agnes Herrod one dollar each to be paid them as a full compensation of my estate of what they already received. The heirs of Robert Martin deceased the sum of one dollar to be paid after the death of my wife to be paid out of my estate.

To all which I nominate constitute and appoint my loving wife Esther Martin and my friend Hugh Lynck executors of this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me made thereby publishing this my last will & testament In Witness Whereof I the said Andrew Martin have set my hand & affixed my seal the day and date as aforesaid

Signed, sealed & published (signed) Andrew Martin  
It declared in the presence  
of us

Robert Barr }  
Charles Moore }  
James Peterson }

State of N. Carolina }  
Rockingham County } Febr'y Term 1805

This certifies that the within will was duly proved in open Court by the Oath of Charles Moore and Robert Barr and on motion ordered to be recorded

(signed) R. Sallaway C.

### John Aldridge Senr.

I John Aldridge of Rockingham County and State of N. Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory, and in common health at present for which I thank almighty God who has been very good and gracious unto me for which I return him my most hearty thanks, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly goods and estate as it hath pleased almighty God to bless me with that is to say I give and bequeath the same in the following manner it being written with my hand and sealed with my seal.

First I desire that all my debts be paid and funeral expenses as soon as possible after my death which I desire my executor hereafter named to do.

2<sup>d</sup> Item After my debts and funeral expenses are paid I lend unto my wife Elizabeth Aldridge all my estate both real and personal during her life or widowhood except my riding mares colt Bunter and the Bould mares colt if she should fetch one the next Spring, and after her decease

- 24 I Give unto my children the same estate in manner following that is to say.
- 3<sup>d</sup> Item I Give unto my daughter Mary Aldridge my Colt Hunter, also one hundred acres of land to begin at the beginning corner according to the deed to her her heirs or assigns forever.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Item I Give unto my son John Aldridge the Bald mares Colt if she fetch one next Spring also one hundred and twenty five acres of land next adjoining to my daughter Marys with the houses and orchards which land he is to have and to hold during his natural life and at his death to go to his son Jonathan Aldridge & there to remain to him his heirs or assigns forever.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Item I Give unto my son Jonathan Aldridge one hundred of land to him his heirs and assigns forever.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Item I Give unto my daughter Ann Ship one hundred acres of land during her natural life, and at her death to go to her son John Ship his heirs or assigns forever.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Item I Give unto my daughter Elizabeth Aldridge one feather bed & furniture & six pocket plates, and a dish and basin to be given to her at her marriage, Or at the death of her mother to be as her mother thinks fit, the same to be to her her heirs or assigns forever.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Item And whatever there shall be left at the death of my Wife Elizabeth Aldridge which is not heretofore disposed of I desire it may be divided amongst my son John Aldridge, Ann Ship, Mary Aldridge and Elizabeth Aldridge my daughters them their heirs and assigns forever.
- 9<sup>th</sup> And Lastly I do hereby Constitute & appoint my wife Elizabeth Aldridge, and my son John Aldridge my Executors of this my last will.

will and testament hereby revoking all other 25  
or former Wills or Testaments by me heretofore made In witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this twenty first day of July one thousand eight hundred and four

(Signed) John Aldridge

Signed Sealed, published  
and declared as and for the  
last Will and testament of  
the above named John Aldridge  
in presence of us

John M. Peak

(Signed) John M. Peak

Josiah Green

John West

State of North Carolina }  
Rockingham County } February Term 1805

The within will from  
John Aldridge to Elizabeth and John Aldridge (sons) was duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of Josiah Green and John West

(Signed) R. Gallaway C.

## Nathaniel Williams

In the name of God Amen.

I Nathl Williams of the State of North Carolina and Rockingham County considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be the Almighty God for the same, do make  
and Publish this my last Will and testament in manner and form following. (to wit.)  
I give and bequeath to my son Nathl Williams