

JOHN BURKE

In the name of God amen I John
Burke of Rockingham County and State of
North Carolina Planters Being throug age and
infirmities weak in body But of sound mind
and memory blessed be God for it do make and
declare this to be my last will and testament in
manner and form following, Viz First and
Principally I commend my soul unto God who
gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in
a Christian manner without any pomp in a
plain box of the Resurrection there of at
the last day through the mighty power of
God and so hope for free salvation for the
sake of Jesus Christ and by his merits alone
And as for such worldly Estate as God hath of
his great mercy and goodness blessed me with
I do devise of in the following manner—
First all my Just debts I summe charged to be
punctually paid Secondly I give and Bequeath
unto my beloved wife Rhody Burke one Hundred
and sixty five acres of land I now live on and
to take the same on any part of the land she
may think best or to her satisfaction the
land to hold occupy and dispose of during her
lifetime, my will and desire is that my beloved
son Harmon Burke should have the same
privilege to the above mentioned land with
my wife Rhody during his life time then the
above land to be sold for twelve months credit
and equally divided between my four grand
children John Burke William Burke
Leah Burke and Samuel Burke
Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my be-
loved son William Burke one hundred
acres of land if the quantity remains—

After Bequeath Bequeath, I give
and Bequeath unto my Beloved wife during
her lifetime all my flock of cattle
horses Hogs sheep and all the Household
and Kitchen furniture and plantations tools
to have and to hold during her lifetime
then to be sold by my Executors and Equally
divided between my grandchildren Rhody
Bark and Samuel Burke

I do hereby constitute and appoint my
Beloved Son Harmon Burke and
Harmon Humphrey Executors of this
my last will and testament
unto whom I enjoin them to fulfill
this my last will and testament
according to the plain literal meaning
there of I testimony Where of I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal
this 16th day of March 1801.

Approved of signed
By the Testator herein
above and Testament
in the presence of us
last under written
Subscribers who were
called upon and
witnessed thereon

John Burke

Attest
John Humphrey
Cynthia Humphrey

I do hereby assent that I resign the
authority given to me in the
within will February 25th 1801
John Humphrey