

1766 In the Name of God Amen I James M'Quiston of the Province of
July 6th North and County of Rowan being in firm and sound
Memory and Judgement Do this eighteenth Day of October in the Year of our
Lord God one thousand seven hundred and sixty six make publish this my
last Will and Testament whether by Word or writing if such be made by
me And I bequeath my soul to God waiting through Grace in Christ my
Saviour for that Mercie promised to them that believe in him and my Body
to be interred as my Executors think fit. And first of all to pay my just Debts
and to divide my Estate as follows to wit. First of all I give to my dear
beloved Wife Sarah M'Quiston the full third part of all my movables with
my ready Money and Debt due to me with my Negro, whose name is
Jim, or Jan. secondly with my plantation I now live on during her
Life time not to be disturbed by any to have the same as if I
was alive. I likewise I give the Remainder of all my movables and
Chattels to my five Daughters to be equally divided amongst them to my
Daughter Jane now marry'd to Thomas Black also, to my Daughter Sarah
also, to my Daughter Evina now marry'd to John Nelson also, to my Daughter
Mary, and to my Daughter Dorcas. Thirdly I give to my son James
M'Quiston five Acres of Land known by the Name of the Mill Place joining
to his Land, I also and ordain Son Thomas M'Quiston and Son
John and not to take or his part of the plantation I left to my son James
M'Quiston without my son John M'Quiston Consent or leave now by
the Name of the Mill Place. Fourthly I give to my son James
M'Quiston the plantation I now live on with all the Improvements
and Price or parcel of Land as is contain'd in a Deed for'd Improv'd
at his Mother my Wife's Death and not to take or his part here or
any she appoints to live on it during her Life time. And I ordain
my son Tho^s M'Quiston the sum of twenty Shill^{ings} current Money of
North Carolina to be paid in three Months after my Death to be paid
by my son James M'Quiston. Fifth I also will my son Tho^s
M'Quiston's Son James M'Quiston the sum of twenty Shill^{ings}

1770 In the Name of God Amen I Alexander Numbers of the
County & Province of North Carolina Waster being in perfect
and Memory Thanks be given unto God, calling to mind the Mortality
of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men
once to die, Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament:
That is to say principally and first of all I do recommend myself
into the Hands of almighty God that gave it, and my Body I recommend
unto the Earth to be buried in a Christian and decent Manner at the Dis-
cretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general Re-
surrection I shall receive the same by the mighty Power of God.
First I order my funeral Charges and just Debts to be paid, my Last
and Effects I bequeath to the use of in Memory of God from following:
First I give and bequeath unto Annas Numbers my dear and beloved
Wife, Spinster, the one third of the Household Furniture the Bedd the
Chair of one of the Cows and the Tax of one of the Horses or Mares
when she sees proper belonging to my loving Son James or Alexander
Numbers. Secondly to my wife's beloved Son William Numbers hereafter
I leave twelve Pounds proclamation money to be paid to James
Cooper or his order for a share already bought & likewise I leave
bequeath to my said Son William twelve Pounds proclamation money.
Thirdly I leave and bequeath to my beloved Son James Numbers and
Alexander Numbers planters the plantation I live on to be equally
divided in proportion and goodnefs as possible as they can agree to
live on the best the one living on the improved place is to assist the
other in making as good Improvements: The Remainder of the Household
Furniture after my beloved Wife gets her share as is already mentioned
all the movables goods and Chattels are to be equally divided between
my two Sons James Numbers and Alexander Numbers, only
what is hereafter excepted out of the above movables goods and
Chattels viz. to my son James one sound share and to my son
Alexander one sound Horse, my new
of a big boat, I likewise Charge my

I sheweth to take unto this last and loving Wife The
 said Plantation to be due of all Incumberances to my said loving
 son James Newbery and Alexander Newbery; Fourthly I have
 bequeath to my beloved son Andrew Newbery blacksmith thirty
 pounds proclamation Money to be paid out of the last Land that
 is due in Pennsylvania; Fifthly I have and bequeath unto my
 beloved Daughter Jean Ferguson twenty pounds procla-
 mation Money. Sixthly I have & bequeath unto my loving Daughter
 Mary Newbery twenty pounds proclamation Money.
 Seventhly I have and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Graham
 one Shilling Sterling Money of great Britain if reman'd; Like-
 wise over if any of my Sons should die before any one of them are
 married his part or their part are to be equally divided amongst
 the Survivors or Survivors or his or their Heirs; Lastly the Legacies
 as is already mentioned and the Duties is to be paid out of my
 Lands in Pennsylvania as the become due; and what Cash or Debts
 due by Bonds or otherwise remains due after the funeral Charges
 just Debts Legacies Duties or any other just Debt whatsoever
 against the Estate without any Reserve as is already mentioned
 is to be equally divided between my two loving Sons James
 Newbery and Alexander Newbery whatever remains or any
 otherwise is to be equally divided And I do hereby constitute
 and nominate my true & trusty Friend Joseph Stephen Sherman
 and my loving son James Newbery Executors of this my last
 Will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly revoke disallow
 and annul all former bequests Wills and Legacies by
 me heretofore or anywise left or made declaring ratifying
 and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and
 Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
 seal the ninth Day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand
 and seven hundred & sixty nine.

Alexander Newbery
 made

and published & declared by the said Alexander
 to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of
 Joseph Stephen Sherman &
 James Newbery &
 John Graham
 Witnesses

1770
 May 16

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Nelson of the County of Rowan
 in the Province of North Carolina Farmer being very sick of long
 of people of Mind and Memory Thanks be to almighty God calling unto
 unto Mind the Mortality of my Body and that it is appointed for all
 men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament
 That is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my
 Soul into the Hands of almighty God that gave it and my Body I recom-
 mend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the
 Discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned nothing doubting but at
 the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the
 mighty Power of God. And as touching such worldly Possessions
 with it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life I give & devise
 and dispose of the same in the following Manner and Form First
 I give and bequeath to my dear beloved Wife all my personal
 Estate of Goods & Chattels and Lands during her Widowhood with
 all my Household Goods Debts and moveable Effects my Debts being
 paid whom I believe constitute make and ordain the sole Execu-
 tress of this my last Will and Testament but if my Wife should
 marry then all & singular my Lands Appurtenances and Revenue by
 her to be fully to be possessed and enjoyed shall be sold and equally
 divided among the Children. And I give and bequeath unto my
 well beloved Son Thomas one Black Station branded in the year
 1768. And I give and bequeath unto my well be-
 loved Son James one Bay horse. And I give and bequeath unto my
 Son Joseph one Horse when he comes of Age and all the Land to
 be equally divided among the Children after my Wife's death
 Disease. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and annul
 all & every former Wills, Wills, Legacies, bequests & Estates
 by me heretofore or anywise made, made, declared, ratifying
 that it is no other to be my last Will and Testament
 set my hand & seal this nineteenth Day of May 1770

Joseph Nelson
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