

In the name of God Amen this ninth day of July in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred & seventy & six that I Alexander Asborn of the province of North Carolina & County of Rowan, being weak in body but of perfect mind & Memory thanks be to God - Calling to mind the Mortality of my Inevitable that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make and Publish this my Last Will & Testament that is to say principally and first of all I recommend my Soul unto Almighty God who gave my body & recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the discretion of my Executors and as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the manner & form following that is to say -

First I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife Agnes a Negroe Wench named Lucy as long as she lives and after her decease to be sold with her Offspring if any and the Money arising therefrom to be equally Divided amongst my three youngest Daughters (Viz) Rebecca, Agnes & Margaret.

likewise a horse or Mare her choice of what she pleaseth with her saddle & her choice of my cattle as far as two Cows and likewise my Chest and Drawers, her choice of all my Beds with its furniture and likewise my kitchen furniture and also one hundred pounds current Money as provided to be devised of my Estate. In Consideration of which it is my Will, that she relinquish her Dower of her real personal Estate, my Will, that I give and bequeath unto my Son Adlai all my whole Estate both Real & personal that is not above mentioned in Consideration of which it is my Will that my Son Adlai Asborn pay & discharge all my just Debts and funeral Charges, and paying each Legacy that is or may be mentioned in this my Last Will & Testament. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my Daughter Jean the sum of Fifty pounds to be devised of my Estate. Fourthly I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary the sum of Fifty pounds to be devised of my Estate. Fifthly I give & bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca the sum of Fifty pounds to be devised of my Estate. Sixthly I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Agnes the sum of One hundred pounds to be devised of my Estate. Seventhly I give and bequeath to my Daughter Margaret the sum of One hundred pounds to be devised of my Estate.

Eight

Eightly I give and bequeath to Mary Asborn Daughter of William Asborn deceased one Cow and Calf to be devised of my Estate.

Ninthly I constitute and appoint my Son Adlai Asborn with Mrs. Winsley & John Nesbit joint & whole Executors of this my Last Will & Testament Ratifying & Confirming this and no other to be my last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this ninth day of July one Thousand seven hundred & seventy & six

Alexander Asborn

Published, pronounced & declared to be my Last Will & Testament in presence of us

John Brewer
Jas Woods
Abraham Jetton

Intended before signing the fourth Legacy the word fifty and in the fifth Legacy the words one hundred

Ordin'd to the above Will

That Whereas my beloved Wife Agnes deceased a few days after the signing, sealing & delivery of this my last will & Testament, it is my Will & I do allow that the whole Legacy above bequeathed to her shall be sold and made into Cash and that the Cash be equally divided amongst all my Children (Viz) Adlai Asborn, Jane Winsley, Mary Nesbit, Rebecca Brewin, Agnes Robinson, Margaret Armsstrong

Ratifying and Confirming this to be my last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal July 12th 1776

Signed Sealed, published, pronounced & declared to be my Last Will & Testament in presence of us

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