

234 In the name of God Amen! I Alexander
Clingerman of the County of Rowan (farmer) being
sick & weak in body but sound in mind & memory & understanding
praised be God for it, & considering the certainty of death
& the uncertainty of the time thereof; & to the end I may be
better prepared, to leave this world, when ever it shall please
God to call me hence, do therefore make & declare this my last
will & test: in manner following, that is to say first & prin-
cipally I commend my soul into the hands of God my creator
my body I give to the earth at the discretion of my executors
herein after named. And as to my worldly estate, of which
it had pleased God to bless me, I dispose of the same as follows
1. I will that all the debts that I shall owe at the time of
my decease shall be justly & truly paid. Item my will is
that my beloved wife Elizabeth, shall have one of my horse
beasts that she may chose of out of my stock & her choice cow
that she may choose out of my stock of neat cattle, also all
the flax, wool & cotton that I shall leave at the time of my
decease, & also all the crop of grain that shall be growing
on the farm whereon I now live, & all the grain flower or other
articles of provision that I shall leave in the house & for
the support of her family & my will is that my said wife
shall have & possess my dwelling house & all the farm now
in my possession during her natural life & no longer
Item I give & bequeath and desire unto my beloved & dutiful
son Michael Clingerman one hundred & fifty acres of land

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to him his heirs & assigns forever, to be laid off in my old
tract of land on second creek, beginning on the upper line
of the said old tract in Earnhards line & running along
the old line west to the old corner of the same, thence with the
old line again north thence a new line to be run east crossing
the creek to a corner near the creek, thence up the creek so as
to include the cotton machine together with all the buildings
thereunto belonging & the land that may be overflowed by the
pond of the same but not to include any of the cleared land
of the old plantation. Item. I also give & bequeath unto my
youngest dutiful & beloved son Jacob Clingerman three hundred
acres of land part of the land I now live on on the said second
creek, to be laid off on the east side of said creek joining the
lines of land, devised to my son Michael Clingerman & Earn-
wards line & my old line, on the east side of my lands so as
to include my old plantation & the creek is to be the line
on the west side of his land to Michaels corner for complinead
provided, & my will is that my said son shall stay on the
plantation & not leave the same untill he shall arrive at the
full age of twenty one years, & that he shall assist his mother
in supporting her on said farm during of her natural life
or widowhood - also it is my will that the remainder of
my lands be equally divided, in proportion of the value
thereof into five lots, & that my beloved son George Clingerman
& my beloved son Peter Clingerman & my son Henry & my
daughters Esther & Catharine each of them to have one
of the said plots of land if they should so agree otherwise my

will is, that if they should not agree, to take such a lot as they should draw of the land, when so divided by five men to be appointed for that purpose, as these part of the same, that the same shall be sold at publick sale & the price thereof given to them as their division or whole share of the same, by my executors, whereas I have theretofore advanced to my eldest son George Clingerman the sum of forty pounds, which I allow to be part of his patrimony my will is therefore that the sum of forty pounds be divided out of his dividend or equal part of my estate so that which may be so set by my executors & I do hereby constitute & appoint my beloved sons Michael & Peter Clingerman & my trusty & beloved friend & neighbour Fredrick Fisher as my executors in this my last will & test: & my will is that they should all act as my executors in this my last will & test. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, ratifying & confirming this to be my last will & test. This 19th day of June A.D. 1803

Signed, sealed, & declared in presence of
David Woodson test. Martha ^W Woodson, Alexander ^{his} & Clingerman ^{test}

On the 6th 1802 I David Cowan being sick & weak of body but of perfect mind & memory & calling to mind that it is appointed to die, I make & ordain this my last will & test; my will is that my estate is to stand undisturbed in the hands of my wife untill she raises the family & then divide it among them as she sees proper. I also give my wife liberty to sell this plantation & purchase elsewhere. I request that Benj: Brandon, James Cowan & my wife be executors of this will.

Robert Wagon, John Kullidge, David Cowan ^{test}

In the name of God Amen! I William Cowan of the State of N^o Carolina & County of Rowan being now sick & low of body but in perfect mind & memory & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do hereby make this my will & test: first I recommend my soul to God who gave it, & my body to the dust to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named: nothing I do but for to receive the same again at the general resurrection, as as touching such worldly goods as God had given me, I do dispose of in the following manner, (to wit) that all my just debts be paid by my executors, I give & bequeath to my beloved son Benjamin Cowan fifty acres of land whereon he now lives. Then I give & bequeath to my son Henry Cowan five shillings. Then I give & bequeath to David Denting Cowan my son five shillings. All & singular with the residue of my estate I give & devise unto my wife Anna & my children herein named Fency, Mary, Joseph, & Stephen Cowan for to be equally divided amongst them share & share alike & hereby I appoint my son Henry Cowan & Benjamin Cowan my executors for to execute this my last will & test: making & disanulling all others, as witness my hand & seal this 6th day of May 1806.

Witness

Henry Hughes

Rusannah Becket

William Cowan ^{test}