

In the name of God Amen! I Alexander English of Rowan County in the State of N. Carolina (voluntarily) being in a low State of health but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto God & calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die Do make & ordain this my last will & test: That is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it, & for my body I give it to the earth to be buried in a christian like & decent manner at the direction of my executors hereafter named not doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate, wherewith it had pleased God to bless me in this life I give dispose & devise of the same in the manner & form following If I with those debts & duties that I owe in right or conscience to any manner of persons whatsoever, shall be well & truly contented & paid or ordained to be paid within a convenient time after my decease by my executor.

2. I give & bequeath to Sean my dearly beloved wife a feather bed & its furniture also a pewter dish & six plates a spinning wheel, reel, side saddle & trunk I allow no sale to be made of any part of my estate during her widowhood, only what my executors may find necessary to pay off my debts but let an inventory & appraisement be made of the moveable property, which property she is to have the whole & sole management of in order to assist her in raising & educating the children. But in case she marries during the minority

of the children then immediate sale must be made of all the moveables, the plantation rented out & the children bound to trades. And I give, devise, & bequeath to my four sons Andrew, Samuel Brown, Alexander, & Josiah English the whole plantation & land whereon I now dwell, together with a Negro slave called Ukebe, all my stock of horses & cattle & whatsoever estate or property does belong to me, to be truly & justly divided to each of them, at the decease of my dearly beloved wife or at such time as she may alter her condition, by entering in a new state of marriage. And I do hereby appoint my afore-
beloved wife Sean English & Lazarus Whitehead, to be the joint executors of this my last will & test: & I do hereby, revoke, disannul & did annul all other wills & test by me heretofore made or done hereby confirming, establishing & declaring this present writing to be my only true & last will & test: to which I now set my hand & seal this 11th day of December A.D. 1796.

Sealed, signed, Declared & signed
as his last will & test in the presence of us John Birchback, Isaac Esten, & Abraham ^{his} Shall.
Alexander English ^{per} Seal.

In the name of God Amen! I. Nijah Owings son of the County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina, being very sick & weak of body but of sound & perfect mind & memory blessed be God do this 18th day of August A.D. 1804, make & publish this my last will & test in manner following that is to say first I give & bequeath to my beloved son the land as it is laid