

50) of fourth Creek and so round according to the course is for complement and my Negroe fellow called Paul and one third part of the saw mill to his heirs & assigns for evr.

Item I give demise and Bequeath unto my Loving Son John Brandon all the Remainder of my Land on the North side of fourth Creek Being betwixt Williams & Benjamins parts afore said and my Negroe fellow Henry and to his heirs and assigns forever and one third part of the saw mill.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Jane Wilson my Negroe woman Hannah and all and singular her sisters apparel and bed and bed clothes and the sheep called Marys and to her assigns and heirs for evr.

Item I give and bequeath and demise unto my Loving Son Abel Brandon one half of the plantation & her on the south side of fourth Creek both in Quantity (and Quality) and my Negroe wench called Kate and my Ox Colt and to his heirs and assigns for evr.

Item I give Bequeath and demise unto my Loving Son Armstrong Brandon the Remainder of my plantation where on I now live on the south side of fourth Creek and my Negroe wench Dinah the half of my sheep and my Ox filley and to his heirs and assigns for evr.

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved Wife Rebecca her dower of and in all my Land on the south side of fourth Creek devised as afore said to my two Sons Abel and Armstrong together with all and singular my house hold furniture and use of my mention house my sowed more five till cows the one half of the sheep and my Ox Colt and to his heirs and assigns for evr.

51) Lastly the remainder and residue of my Estate both real and personal I Give and Bequeath to my two youngest Sons (Abel and Armstrong) share and share alike to them and their heirs and assigns forever. Lastly I have ordain Constitute and appoint Abel Armstrong and my Son Benjamin Brandon Executors of this my last will and testament hereby Revoking and Rescinding all former and other Wills Testaments Bequests Devises and Executors by me in any manner of ways before this time made Willed Bequeathed Devised or appointed Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament.

Signed sealed published
pronounced and declared
by the said James Brandon
as his last will and Testament
in presence of us the subscribing
Witnesses.

Isaac Hughey
Henry Hughey
Saml Young

James Brandon Seal

In the name of God Amen the 26 day of Septem^r in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five, David Baird of Rowan County in the state of North Carolina Being Sick and weak in but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given unto god and calling to mind the mortality of my Body and that it is appointed for men to die do make this my last Will and

52) Testament, and principally and first of all give and recom-
mend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it hoping
through the merits death and passion of my Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ to have a full and free pardon & forgiveness of all my
Sins and to Inherit everlasting life and my Body I com-
mit to the earth to be buried in Decent Christian burial
at the Discretion of my Executors here after named
nothing doubting but to receive the same again at the
general Resurrection by the mighty power of God
and as touching such Worldly estate where with it
has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give
Devise, Bequeath, and dispose of the same in the
following manner & form (to wit) my will and plea-
sure is that all those just Debts and Duties as I do
owe to any person or persons whomsoever either
in rights or Conscience be first of all paid and satis-
fied by my Executors here after named in some con-
venient time after my Decease

Item I do hereby empower my Executors here
in after named to sell and dispose of all my
and singular my real estate and they or either of

53) them to make good and Legal title or titles for the
same to the purchaser or purchasers of the same and to
their Heirs and assigns

One whereas I have some time ago sold a tract of Land
to Arthur Chambers for which he has honestly paid me
the whole of the purchase money and I have not as yet
made a deed to him for said Land do therefore empower
and authorise my Executors here in after named or
either of them to sign seal & deliver a good & Legal deed of
Sale in fee simple to the said Arthur Chambers his
Heirs and assigns forever

I him do hereby release Arthur Chambers of a debt
of 25 L & by note of hand and allows the said Arthur
Chambers to give the said sum to his own two
Children James & Sarah — Item I release John Scott
of a debt due by him to me of Ten pounds by Note and the
said John Scott to give the said sum to his Daughter Mary
Item I release Thomas Hall of a debt of five pounds fifteen
shillings by note of his to me and the said Hall to pay the
same to his Daughter Janet — Item I give and bequeath
to my loving Brother William Maud one half Johnes &
to his Heirs and assigns. Item I give and bequeath
unto Jane Wain five pounds and to her Heirs and
assigns forever

I give and bequeath unto David Baird Ten pounds
 (and to his Heirs and Assigns forever) — Item I give and
 Bequeath unto Thomas Baird five pounds and my best
 suit of Cloths to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever
Item I give and Bequeath unto John Hall my old Coat
 (and my two Hats to him and his Heirs and Assigns for
 ever) — Item I give and bequeath unto David Chambers
 son of Nehal Chambers one Doublet to him and his
 Heirs and Assigns forever, Item I give and Bequeath
 unto Jane Hall four pounds to her and her Heirs and
 Assigns forever, Item I give and Bequeath in to Jennet
Elizabeth, and Mary Hall Ten pounds to be equally divided
 amongst them and to their Heirs and Assigns forever
Item I give and Bequeath to James Chambers Eight pounds
 (and to his Heirs and Assigns forever, Item I give and
 Bequeath unto Henry Chambers and his Wife Eight
 pounds and to their Heirs and Assigns forever, Item
 I give and Bequeath unto William Chambers and his Wife
 Ten pounds to them and their Heirs and Assigns forever
Item I give and Bequeath unto John Dratty Ten pounds
 to him His Heirs and Assigns forever, Item the
 residu and remainder of my Estate, I give and
 Bequeath for the use and behoof of supporting and
 keeping in Repair the meeting house commonly known
 by the name of South Creek meeting House, and Repair-
 ing and keeping in Order the Grave Yard fence
 belonging to the same —

Lastly I Mminate, ordain, Constitute and appoint
Arthur Chambers, and James Chambers Executors of this
 my last Will and Testament, hereby utterly revoking
 and disanuling all former and other Wills, Legacies
 Bequests and Executors hitherto by me in any man-
 ner of ways named Will or Bequeathed, 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 Day and Year above Written
 Signed sealed Published... David Baird
 pronounced and declared his
 by the said David Baird as David Baird
 his last Will and Testament mark
 in presence of us the Subscribers X

Alexander Witham
James Witham Junr
Merian Hall

In the Name of God Amen
 This seventh day of July in the year of our
 Lord 1781 I Mary Houston of Rowan County
 in the State of North Carolina Widow being aged
 and weak of Body but of sound mind and memory
 thanks be to God therefore, Do make and ordain this
 my last will and testament, That is to say, First
 of all, I give and Bequeath my soul
 to Almighty God Who gave it