

In the name of God Amen! I John Kearn junior  
of N. Carolina Rowan County being sick & weak in body  
but of perfect mind & memory, but calling to mind the mortality  
of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to  
die, do make & ordain this my last will & test: in manner &  
following, that is to say. First of all I give my soul to God & my  
body to be buried in a decent christian like manner; nothing con-  
taining but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again  
through the mighty power of God: As touching my estate wh-  
with it had pleased God to bless me I give & dispose of in the  
following manner & form.

Item I give unto my beloved sister Esther Kearn twenty pounds  
likewise I give to my two sisters Mary & Susannah Kearn nine  
pounds each of them; the rest of my estate, I give unto my  
two brothers Daniel & Peter Kearn, to be equally divided be-  
tween them, after all is sold by my executors, & my will is  
that the money be paid to my three sisters & two brothers  
within twelve months after my decease I also appoint my  
beloved brother Daniel Kearn & John Borthly executors of this  
my last will & test: revoking & disannulling all wills, by me her-  
etofore made, only allowing this & no other to be my last will  
& test: signed, sealed & published & acknowledged, in the presence  
of witnesses, my hand & seal this 26 day of April 1794.

Test: Herman Butner  
Martha Walton.  
Catharina Kearn  
mark

John Kearn

In the name of God Amen! the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1803  
I David Kerr of the County of Rowan & State of N.  
Carolina being sick in body but of perfect mind & memory &  
calling to mind the mortality of my body, knowing that it is ap-  
pointed for all men once to die & afterwards to come to judgment  
do think proper at this time to make & ordain this my last will &  
test: And first & principally I recommend my soul to God who  
gave it & my body to be buried in a christian like manner at the  
discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but I shall here  
the same again reunited to my soul, by the mighty power of God  
through the merits of my redeemer at the resurrection, & as touching  
the goods of this life, wherewith it had pleased God to bless me  
I give, demise, & dispose of the same in the following manner & form:  
1./ I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Jean Kerr, three beds  
& furniture, my dresser & furniture, the tables & their furniture,  
the half of the cattle, to be equally divided & my Mare named Maria  
my Negro wench named Dina & my Negro boy named Andrew  
& fifty pounds to be paid, in the year 1804 out of my notes,  
to her her heirs & assigns forever, & also the use of the plantation  
whereon I now live on, also my hogs, waggon, & plantation  
utensils, & the Negro boy named Mary, excepting what is here  
after mentioned, demised, all which I will bequeath to her  
during her natural life.

2./ I give & bequeath to my daughter Nancy, my Negro  
girl named Luce, which she has already received, to her her  
heirs & assigns for ever.

3./ I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary the sum of Ten

shillings to her her heirs & assigns forever.

2./ I give & bequeath to my daughter Sarah ten shillings to her her heirs & assigns forever.

3./ I give & bequeath to my daughter Margaret the sum of ten shillings, to her her heirs & assigns forever.

6./ I give & bequeath to my daughter Jean my Negro girl named Bina to her, her heirs & assigns forever.

7./ I give & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth the Negro girl named Teabe to her her heirs & assigns forever.

8./ I give & bequeath to my daughter Calindel, my Negro girl named Judith to her her heirs & assigns forever.

9./ I give & bequeath to my son James, my Negro boy named Jason & after the decease of my wife my Negro boy named Harry & the fourth of the cattle, also my waggon & all its utensils & all my lands, horses, to him his heirs & assigns forever.

10./ I give & bequeath to my daughter Esther my Negro girl named Loucy to her her heirs & assigns forever.

11./ I give & bequeath to my daughter Abigail two beds & furniture my commode, & bay filly, one pot, one oven, her saddle & the one half of the cattle, that is to be divided, between her & James & also my Negro girl named Doll to her her heirs & assigns forever & also her living & her property, of the plantation during her single life.

13. All lawfull debts & demands against me, shall be paid out of the estate, bequeathed to my wife during her natural life.

12. And lastly I make, ordain, constitute & appoint my beloved son James, Leonard & Aaron Houston, executors of this my will & test & I do hereby utterly disannul & revoke all former wills, by me made, ratifying & confirming & publishing

this as my last will & test: In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, the day & year first above written

Signed, & published in the presence of  
us Archibald Woodrife David James Braly John  
James Braly Int. mark

In the name of God Amen! the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March AD 1780.  
I Leonard Kern of the County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina Yeoman, being weak in body, but of sound & perfect mind & memory, thanks be to God, therefore, calling to mind the mortality of body & knowing that it is appointed one for all men to die & do make ordain & constitute, this my last will & test: That is to say first of all I recommend my soul to God, who gave it, & my body to be buried in a christian like manner at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the almighty power of God, & as touching such worldly goods as it had pleased God to bless me with I give, devise, & dispose of in the following form  
1./ I give will & bequeath to my beloved son Leonard Kern, as much money as entered & surveyed & cleared out of the office, two hundred acres of land, lying on the east side of a branch of Pounders fork, joining Michael Youngs & Jacob Youngs land as made my son Leonard land free, at also, I give will, & bequeath unto my son Peter a deed of one hundred acres of land lying on the east side of the branch of Pounders fork, joining my old deeded land, at also, I give will & bequeath to my son Peter fifty three & a half acre of land, the old deeded land, whereon I now live, joining the new deed of one hundred acres, which I sell