

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 & taken
at 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

of to them. And ordain that my three sons Bazabel Norman & Henry Owings, should pay to their brother John Owings twenty pounds hard money a piece. And then I ordain that Bazabel & Norman & John Owings, shall have no more of my estate real or personal. Next I ordain that my son Norman Owings shall pay a creature to the value of twenty pounds hard money to my beloved daughter Catharina Roberts & Laurence Roberts shall have all that land on the south side of Dutchmans creek, where they now have in possession, & no more of my estate, real or personal. I ordain that my beloved daughter Hannah Backster & John Backster shall have the sum of five shillings & no more of my estate real or personal. I ordain that my beloved wife Hannah Owings shall have fifty acres of land to conclude my house & orchard out of Henry's part during her natural life & all my stock & house hold furniture. And at her decease the land to decent back to Henry. I ordain that my grand daughter Melina Roberts shall have the sum of twenty pounds hard money paid to her by my four sons, Bazabel, Norman, John & Henry Owings. I then ordain that my daughter Sarah Owings, shall keep the two creatures that she has now in possession. I ordain that my son Henry Owings have one bed & furniture, & one cow & one butter & no more of my personal estate. And at the decease of my beloved wife. I ordain that Sarah Owings & her sons & Melina Roberts shall have an equal divide, together with all the personal estate remains. And lastly of all I shal

make & ordain my two sons Norman & Henry Owings, executors of this my last will & test in witness whereof I the said Elijah Owings seal to this my last will & test: set my hand & seal the day & years above written
Signed, sealed & published in
the presence of us
John Finchcomb. Edmond ^{his} Howard
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In the name of God Amen! I Henry Owens of the province of N. Carolina & County of Rowan, seriously consider, the uncertainty of human life & more particular I am in a low condition though in proper mind & memory, declare this to be my last will & test: intending to dispose of my worldly affairs before I am called from hence. First I most humbly recommend my soul to God, & for my worldly estate I will & positively order all my debts to be paid.

I give & bequeath to John Conger & Henry Fry my first & sole executors of this my last will & test:

I do give & bequeath to my brother Benjamin one half of this plantation, where I now live on, to be run of & divided equal between Benjamin Owens & Edward Owens & Stephen Owens which, when he come of age I desire that my part of the land may be equally divided between Edward Owens & Stephen Owens & the land up at Quirk place, I desire that William Owens may have the privilege of building & cultivating & improving the same free from rent for the space of fifteen years, & then give up possible possession & as for my personal & moveable property I desire that my executors may make & vendue & the same sell