

In the name of God Amen I Israel
Cox of the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina being
very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind & Memory
thanks be to God for the same, calling to mind the Mortality
of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men
once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and
Testament in the name and form following, that is
to say first of all, I give and recommend my soul into
the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body
I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent man-
ner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named
nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall
receive the same again by the mighty power of God &
as touching such worldly goods wherewith it hath
pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and devise
in the following manner and form, First of all I will
that my just debts and funeral Expences be paid out
of my personal Estate, further it is my will that my
Beloved Wife Mary Cox shall have the black Mare and
Saddle, two Cows, and two Sheep to be chosen at
her own discretion, over and above her portion Dowry

in this part of my personal Estate and to live on ¹³⁵
my plantation during her Widowhood, further it is
my Will that my Son David Cox shall have my plan-
tation or tract of land except the part lying on the
other side of Cabin Creek, provided that he pay to each
of my other sons the sum of Thirty pounds Currency
of this State when they come of Age, further that my sons
shall have one Cow to each of them except my son David
who shall have three of my best Horses, for the use of
Working the plantation till such time he shall come of
Age, at which time he shall choose two of them to be his own
property, the other one to be left to the Discretion of the
Executors. Likewise I institute my faithful friend
Benjamin Davis and Moses Stark sole Executors of this
my last Will and Testament, Resolving all other Wills
or legacies requests and Executors by me heretofore
named, Nullifying and confirming this to be my last
Will and Testament in Witness whereunto, I have my
hand and seal this twenty six day of May in the Year
of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & twenty eight
Signed sealed, published, affirmed & declared by the said Israel
Cox as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us

John Davis
Abner Cotton
William Womack

Israel Cox