

Daughter to my Son John my bed & furniture to
her her hair, & signs, forever. 7th I give & bequeath
all the remainder of my personal Estate and what
Money I have in my house unto my two Sons
John & Hugh Parks & my grand son James Reed
to be equally divided to them each to have ~~after~~
the one third after the sale thereof to them their heirs,
& signs, forever. 8th Also I appoint make & ordain
my two Sons John & Hugh Parks executors of
this my last will & testament and I do hereby
revok & disanule all former wills by me made
ratifying & confirming this as my last will &
testament In witness whereof I hereunto set
my hand & seal the day & year first written.

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of
us Robert Cochran ^{her} Margaret ^{Parks}
James ^{mark} Hennady
J. Mark
No. Houston

In the name of God Amen I Jacob Cleaver
North Carolina & County of Rowan being thro'
the abundant mercy & goodness of God tho' weak
in body yet of a sound perfect understanding &
Memory, Do constitute this my last will & testa-
ment & desire it may be received by all as such
First I most humbly bequeath my soul to God
my Maker beseeching his most gracious ac-

ceptance of it through the all sufficient Merits of a
compassionate Redeemer who gave himself to be an
atonement for my sins & is able to save to the
utmost all that come to God by him Giving be-
werewith to make intercession for them and whom I
trust will not reject me a returning penitent sinner
when I come to him for mercy. In this hope & confidence
I render up my soul with comfort to the ever blessed
Trinity one God most holy & merciful to prepare for my
time of dissolution and take me to himself in that place
& rest & incomparable felicity which he has prepared
for all that love & fear him Amen blessed be God. I give
my body to the earth from whence it was taken in infan-
cy as for my burial I desire it may be decent
without pomp or state at the discretion of my dear wife
& Executors hereafter named who I doubt not many
it with a piousness. As to my worldly Estate I give
& order positively debts be paid all my worldly
debts be paid to the utmost. First I give to my dear
& loving wife the privilege on my Premises hold-
ing the same till my son comes to age of eighteen
years then at the end of that time I will & order that
my son John Cleaver & my daughter Susan &
Cleaver have my lands & tenements that lie about
it each an equal share or part of the same.
And as for my movables such as household
furniture stock & creatures of the kinds I have

(16) I will Vow that my wife Christana Clever
my son & daughter aforesaid have the same
equal divided among them all except one cer-
tain Parcel more and bid I will & bequeath to
my wife Christana Clever to hold the same for
ever & my son & daughter to hold theirs in the or-
der aforesaid forever. And I do hereby constitute
my loving friends John Clever & Jacob Miller
to be the Executors of this my last will & testament
& trustees for my poor wife & children. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the
twenty twenty second day of August in the
year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
& eighty six. Witnesses present
Samuel Murrell X Jacob Clever
John Wagler

If my wife Christana Clever remain a widow
I will & desire she may live on my premises & in
my dwelling house for life. But if not at the
time aforesaid she gives up quit possession
to my son John Clever & Susanna Clever

In the name of God Amen. the nineteenth day
of March in the year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred & eighty six I Robert Harding of
the County of Rowan & State of North Carolina
being in perfect health of a sound memory
blessed be God for all his mercys and knowing

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it is appointed for all men once to die I do make this
my last will & testament that is to say principally
and first of all I give & commend my soul into
the hands of Almighty God who gave it nothing
doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive
the same again by the mighty Power of God. And
my body to be buried in the earth in a decent and
orderly manner, and having some worldly goods
where with it hath pleased God to bless me in
this life I do give and dispose of them in the follow-
ing manner & form. I premise I leave & bequeath
unto Jane my well beloved wife the benefit and
use of my plantation that I now live on and
also the other plantation which I now attend &
labour & also two horses of her choosing & other
plantation tools, and the Negro fellow named
Matt And which aforesaid Articles I allow to my
wife for the keeping & raising of my family
but at her decease or at the end of her widow-
hood I allow them to be sold & distributed as
the other part of my sealable Estate. I also leave
unto my wife entirely to herself one third part of
all the moveable effects within my house and the
remainder of all my household effects I allow
them to be disposed & distributed amongst my
children as my wife thinks most proper.