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January 1778 - N.B. I leave Henry Call Executor
with my Wife, signed sealed and pronounced
in the presence of
Wm Mitchell
Henry Rulbach.

William Call

one more date

In the name of God Amen I James Carson
of the County of Rowan and Province of North Carolina
being sick in body but of good and sound Memory
thanks be to Almighty God, Do make ordain and
appoint this my last Will and Testament and first
I commit my soul to God my saviour and
Redeemer my body to be buried in such a place where
it shall please my Executors hereafter named, to ap-
point the expence to be by them paid out of my
Worldly Substantance and now for the settling of
my temporal Estate, and such Goods Chattels
and debts as it has pleased God to bestow upon me
I do ordain give and dispose of the same in manner
and form following. First I will that all my law-
full debts and dues that I owe to any person

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or persons whatsoever shall be well and truly
contented and paid or ordained to be paid within
convenient time after my decease by my Executors
hereafter named, and first I allow my family to
remain together till such time as they think fit to
part, and to have the benefit of what they can make
amongst them of the plantation whereon I now live
I likewise allow my Wagon, Hare and all my
plantation tools to remain on the plantation for the
benefit of my family if they see cause to live on
the land, and that my Wife have the management
of my Children till such times as they come to years
of ~~majority~~ discretion and likewise allow my
Children to be schooled as far as is common, and
to be paid out of my Estate. And I give and bequeath
unto my Wife Hannah Carson the two Negro men
named Sprimew and Jack and likewise the wench
named Sally, together with the sucking Child named
Abner and her choice of the two best Pigs and Piding
that I am now in possession of and likewise to have
the Dresser and furniture, and a Horse and
Saddle and her thirds of what is made on the
Plantation

while she lives, I give unto my son John one Negro boy named Samson and likewise the one half of a lot of land in Salisbury, distinguished by the mark of number five. I give unto my son Thomas one quarter lot of land in Salisbury known by the name of Number one in the North square. I give unto my son James 328 Acres of land lying on both sides of Grants creek and joining to Tochaunks plantation, and I give unto my son Henry and my son William the plantation whereon I now live to be equally divided amongst them. I give unto my son Hugh 560 Acres of land lying in the forks of Bear creek on the North side of the South River which land I allow to be sold and the money to be laid out on him in learning, or if any of my other sons likes to keep the land, I allow them to have it and to pay 250 pounds for it, and the money to be laid out on him in learning and such other things as my Executors shall think fit. I give unto my Daughter Phoebe one young Negro which named Joll, I give unto my Daughter Honour a negro boy named Primus. I give unto my Daughter Mary a young Negro

which named Rachel. I then I allow the great debts that is now due on all the land left or made over to my sons to be paid out of the remainder of my Estate and the rest is to be equally divided amongst my children. I likewise give my Executors leave either to sell the rest of my effects or to choose three men, and have them priced, and likewise give my Executors leave to sell any of the land, which I give to any of my sons, if they see it will answer better so as the money be laid out in other land, or some other thing more to their advantage, so that the legacies shall not be confined to live on any land that I now hold, if they see a better prospect any where else, and I do hereby nominate and appoint my Wife Honour Carson and my son John Carson and my son Thomas Carson the real Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and disannulling, all former wills or Wills heretofore by me made, Ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day of Sept. in the year of our Lord 1773

162) Signed Seals and Publique pronounced in
presence of us who in presence of said James
Carson subscribed our names as witnesses

John Gardiner
Jacob Brown
Michael Brown
James Carson Esq.

I Give and bequeath to James Ryley all
my goods and Chattels after my death for my
maintenance I hang in proper senses, I declare
this to be my last Will and Testament in the
presence of us, this 8th day of September 1773

Test John Roberts
Richard Bruce
Priscilla Ryley
John Ryley Esq.

In the name of God Amen. November the fourth
One thousand seven hundred and Eighty three I
Robert Ramsey of Rowan County, State of North Carolina
being sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind
and memory calling to mind the mortality.

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of my Body, and that it is appointed for all men
once to die doth make and ordain this my last Will
and Testament and first of All I commend my soul
unto God who gave it nothing doubting but I shall
Receive the same at the general Resurrection by the might
= by power of God and my body I commend to the
Earth to be buried in a Christian decent manner
at the discretion of my Executors and as touching
the worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with
in this life world I do dispose of in the following man-
= ner and form Viz—principally and first of all
I allow my lawfull and just Debts and funeral
charges to be paid. Next I give and bequeath Jean
Ramsey my well beloved wife one black Mare named
Holl & Saddle and Bridle Spinning wheel Red and
Red Cloaths and if she chuse to remain with my son
Andrew to have a good maintenance off my Estate
or part thereof bequeathed to him the said Andrew
& a decent Burial if she remains with him untill
the end of her time in this world. Next I give and
bequeath to my son William ~~two pounds~~
James two pounds and a thick cloth white hat
Next I give and bequeath my son William two
Pounds