

1770 In the Name of God. March. February 4th 1770 I James
may 28th Esq. of Devon County in Province of North Carolina, being
sane & sober & of perfect mind & memory
X Thanks be given unto God for it: therefore calling unto mind the
mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men
to die, do make & declare this my last Will & Testament That I do say
principally & first of all I give & recommend my Soul into the hands of
Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be
buried in decent Christian burial at the Direction of my Executors.
nothing doubting but at a general Resurrection I shall receive the same
again by the mighty power of God And as touching such worldly
estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this Life, I give
Devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & Form.
First, I give & bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife Agnes the one
third of all my moveable Effects besides one young Slave boy,
and likewise one Bed & Furniture, & spinning wheel And her like-
ness constitute & ordain, with Andrew Neel of the County & Province
aforesaid to be my sole Executrix and Executor of this my last
Will & Testament. And likewise give & bequeath Alexander Erwin
my eldest son two hundred & fifty Acres of Land including his own
Improvement with a free patent, and likewise one Cow & Calf, and
to my son William Erwin I give & bequeath the sum of five pounds
to be raised & lived out of my Estate, And to my son James I also
give & bequeath the sum of ten pounds to be raised & lived out
of my Estate And to my son Joseph I give one tract of Land
between John Loran & Widow Morrison with a free
the said tract. To Isaac my son I give two hundred
Acres of Land lying on Needs broad River with a free
that & also twenty pounds in Money, And it is likewise my
will that my wife Agnes live on said place of my son Joseph
till she come of age if she continues in her Widowhood
the care of my young Children. I likewise give and

bequeath to my four younger Daughters Agnes Mary Elizabeth
and Jane five & twenty pounds to each if the Estate admit, only my
just & lawful Debt is to be discharged and paid first. And to my
Daughter Elizabeth I give the sum of five pounds to be raised & lived
out of my Estate. And also it is my Will that my two Mills & Mages
with the Land wheron & mills stands three hundred Acres more or less
with the rest of my moveable Effects be sold at publick Auction and
the money to be equally divided among my Children, but if the
mills come not their full value, they are to be rented out annually
and the Rent is to go to the support of my Wife and small Children
while she continues in her Widowhood, or till John come of age,
then the Mills is to be valued by four men & inserted in my son Joseph
who is to pay an equal proportion to the Rest of & value of the
Mills. Likewise the Children is not to get their money till the Division
Money is collected. - And I do hereby utterly revoke and
revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments
Wills Legacies & Bequests and Executors by me in any ways before
named written & bequeathed ratifying and confirming this
and no other to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & seal the Day & Year above
written -

Wt. In the above page, between the word Money, marked thus
and the word And, the following words are in the original viz. To be
raised out of my Estate. And to my son John I give & bequeath
three hundred Acres of Land which I bought from John Erwin
with a free and for the same with twenty pound in money: viz.

Signed sealed published pronounced
and attested by the said James Erwin
as his last Will & Testament In the pre-
sence of us the Subscribers. -
Alexander Neel
Richard Hines
James Erwin

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