

In the Name of God Amen the thirtieth Day of November
 1759 in the Year of our Lord 1758 I John Michael in the pro-
 -vance of North Carolina in the County of Rowan being
 very sick & weak in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory Thanks be
 given unto God Therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my Body &
 knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die Do make and ordain
 this my last Will & Testament that is to say principally and first of all
 I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that give it and
 for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like
 and decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executors 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 hath pleased
 God to bless me in this Life I give devise & dispose of the same in the
 following Manner & Form. I Give of all allow all Debts Dues and
 Demands which I owe in Justice or Equity to any person or persons to be
 paid off the whole and then my principal Estate to be divided
 equally between my Wife and five Children but if my Wife with
 Child I allow that Child an equal part with the others and like-
 wise I constitute make and ordain my wife below wife Ruth
 Carmichael my only Heir & Exec of this my last Will and Testament
 and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke & disannul all and every other
 former Testaments Wills & Legacies Request & Be by me in any
 Manner before this time made written & bequeathed ratifying &
 confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal
 the Day & Year above written. John Michael

Signed seal & published pronounced
 and declared the said John Michael as his
 last Will & Testament in the presence of
 of us the Subscribers viz. Robert Marmock
 George Myott
 John M. Gowan

1760
 July 25

In the Name of God Amen I Alexander Leathery of Rowan County in the
 Province of North Carolina being weak of Body but in sound & perfect Memory
 Thanks be to almighty God for the same and calling to mind the Mortality of
 Mankind & knowing it is ordained for all men once to die Do hereby make
 this my last Will & Testament in Manner & Form following that is to say
 First I recommend my Soul to almighty God that give it and in hopes at the
 last Day of a joyfull Resurrection thro' the Merits of our blessed Lord &
 Saviour Jesus Christ and my Body to the Earth from which it came to be
 buried in a Christian like Manner at the Discretion of my Executors
 hereon after named But for what worldly Estate it has been pleased to
 bless me with I hereby dispose of in the following manner that is to say
 to wit First my Wife is and I give & bequeath unto my beloved Wife Eliza-
 beth the Use of the Plantation whereon I now live during her natural
 Life provided she does not marry but in Case she should marry then it is
 to be made the best Use & turned to the most Advantage by selling or otherwise
 for the Benefit of my two youngest Sons James Leathery & Richard Leathery. Also
 I give unto my said Wife & her Heirs the two we commonly lay on
 & above & below as she shall choose out of my stock & that of my young Son
 and any one of my mares she shall choose also seven head of Cattle
 and I give & bequeath unto her two working Horses the best plow & plowman
 and Tackling belonging to the do me, two iron pots, four pates & six half
 a doz. plates I then give & bequeath unto the Use of my two Negroes during
 her natural Life or during her Widowhood and no longer And my Will
 is that the Maggon & Hears shall continue in the Plantation for the Use
 & Benefit of the place so long as my Wife & Children continue to live to-
 gether for the general Benefit of them all. Also I give and bequeath
 to my beloved Son John Leathery & William Leathery all that Tract
 Land lying up the Creek joining the Plantation whereon I now live
 to be equally divided between them their & each of their Heirs & Assigns
 Also I give & bequeath unto my said Son John a black Stallion, two
 & the best horse named by his name & a pair of plow
 & my land & great Cattle