

(72) In the Name of God Amen I John Gatchy of Rowan County and
1771 Province of North Carolina Esquire being very ancient and infirm
but of perfect sound mind and sufficient memory Thanks be to Almighty
God for his Mercies towards me and well knowing that all men must
one day die and knowing how soon my Resumer may meet my dissolution
and call me out of transitory life and knowing that it is not
only necessary but also a Duty to settle and dispose of those worldly matters
wherewith God in his great Wisdom and merciful Mercy to bless me
in this life will give grant dispensation of his grace in manner and
form following and principally first of all I commend my Soul
into the hands of God my Resumer who gave it me and my Body to
the Earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the
discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned and after my
funeral Expenses and all my just Debts are paid, I do direct
and desire that my beloved wife Christiana Gatchy be remain in
possession & custody of all and singular of both my real and
personal Estate except such part thereof or share thereof as is or
may be devised by this Will to others my heirs or legatees
And that she is not to sell or dispose of any part thereof but the
same to keep together until my son Jacob Gatchy arrives to
twenty one years of age, being now aged seventeen years and
ten months at this date, but in case she should marry or die
before my said son should arrive to age, I do hereby empower
my said Executors to value in and upon any Part and parcel
of my personal Estate and to sell the same at publick Auction
and the money arising from such sale on third part thereof
to be paid into the hands of my said beloved wife for her
support in life selecting two good cows and leases,

also the young boy Maro together with my own riding Dapple and foal
which must be delivered to her as her own property before any sale be
made by my said Executors Item I give and devise to my three Sons
namely John, Frederick and Jacob the remaining two thirds to be divided
in manner following between them as follows viz I give unto my
son John Gatchy twelve pounds over and above his equal share of the
said two thirds of the remaining Part of said personal Estate and also
what heom from a Debt of nine pounds be owing to me for a Horse he
whelp him from a Debt of nine pounds be owing to me for a Horse he
lately bought of me And I do hereby empower Frederick my second
son five pounds to be paid to him over and above his equal share of the
Part of such Remainder of the said two thirds, and after the said John
and Frederick have rec'd the above legacies I will and direct that all
the Remainder part of the said two thirds be divided by our adequate
Persons between all my Children viz John, Frederick Jacob Mary Ann
Mrs Catharine legal and Elizabeth Eliza to them and their Heirs for
ever Item I give grant will and devise unto my son Jacob Gatchy
and his Heirs and Assigns forever the Plantation wherein I now
live together with all and singular Buildings Grounds &
Improvements thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining still
pertaining to my beloved wife the benefits thereof until he arrives
to one and twenty years of age or she should marry Item I
hereinafter give and bequeath unto my said son Jacob one iron tooth
Harrow one cutting Box and scythe and one young red cow now
in my custody together with one Plow and Ploughland all which
is to be reserved before the sale of my movable Estate to be sold
by my Executors Item and in case of any of my said Children
should die before such division should be made I direct that
my Executors divide such share between all the said Children
or their Heirs by our & equal portions among them the survivors
And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my best

For John Gatchey and my trusty Friend Daniel Little Esq^r sole Executors
of this my last Will and Testament now herein amending and making
void all and every other Will or Testament hitherto you by me made
done or executed ratifying and confirming this and as other to
be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have here-
unto set my Hand and Seal this third Day of September Anno
Dom 1772.

John Gatchey in Dublin
signed sealed sealed and preserved }
in the presence of us his witnesses }
have signed our Name as witness X

The Clause in the Will was interlined before the Will was sealed & delivered.

Dan. Little
Peter Little
John Dunn }

Codicil to the foregoing Will and Testament made
by the said John Gatchey this twenty second Day of
September in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred
and forty two Whereas I the foregoing witness John Gatchey in the
foregoing last Will and Testament did through a mistake mention
and declare that my son Jacob to whom left my land and
some other legacies was at the time of making my said Will
and thirty mentioned that he the said Jacob was seventeen
years old and ten months on the said this Day of Septem-
ber 1772. When in Truth and in Fact he was but sixteen
years and ten months and this I publish and declare
to be his true age, and no more.

Item I will and desire the following alteration be made in
the foregoing Will as toward some legacies by me made
and that my executors conform to the same with Regard
to the said alteration viz. First the legacy by me given

of twelve Pounds to my Son John Gatchey and the legacy of five pounds
to my Son Frederick which was to be paid to them out of my personal
Effects before any Division was to be made. I do hereby will and direct
that the said Legacies be paid to each of my said Sons by my Son
Jacob to whom I have given my real Estate and by him to be ac-
countable to each of them as soon as he arrives to the age of twenty
one years and that the said Estate of land be chargeable with
the same unto them until paid. And I the said John Gatchey at
this day being of perfect sound mind and memory do hereby
declare it to be my own Act and Desire the above Codicil and
Alterations be made and inserted, as an Amendment to my said
last Will and then do declare this Amendment as part of my
said Will In witness whereof I have set my Hand and affixed
my Seal the Day and year above mentioned

Signed sealed and delivered in }
presence of _____ }
Dan. Little
Godard Derville }
John Dunn - V

W^A In the Name of God Amen of twelfth Day of July 1779
May etc. I John Wherton of^r Province of North Carolina & County of
Roanoke Man being very sick and weak in Body but
of perfect Mind & Memory Thanks be given unto God therefore
calling unto Mind of Mortality of my Body and knowing y^e
it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain
this my last Will & Testament y^e is to pay principally and
first of all I give and recommend my soul into the Hands
of Almighty God y^e gave it and my Body I recommend to the
Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the
Expences of my Brethren holding