

amongst my wife & my five children to wit three sons &
two daughters, & also one Negro child named Abby, my
wife shall keep & raise on the plantation, & shall have the
use of her until she either marry or die, then the said Negro
shall be sold & the money arising therefrom shall be equally
divided amongst my children so that the boys &
all share equal; & if my wife should marry or die
before my youngest son shall arrive at the age of twenty
years then my plantation, is to be rented out until
he comes of age, & then the money arising therefrom, shall be
divided among my three sons, & when my three sons, shall
come of age my land shall be divided amongst my sons
so that they three shall share equal. And I do constitute
appoint, my beloved wife Barbara & my brother John
solely executors of this my last will & test in witness
hereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 6th
of November 1807.

Signed, sealed & delivered

in the presence of
Henry Carper, John Linn Esq.

Conrad Motz Esq.

In the name of God Amen! I John Kerr of
Person County & State of N. Carolina, being of law state
health but of perfect mind & memory & calling to mind
mortality of my body & that it is appointed for all
men once to die do make this my last will & test. And
of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands

of God, who gave it, hoping that through the merits
& intercession of my Lord & saviour Jesus Christ - to have
full & free pardon of all my sins & to inherit everlasting
life. And as touching such worldly estate as it had pleased
God to bless me with, in this life I give, demise, & bequeath
& dispose of in the following manner & form. And first it
is my desire that all my just debts I owe to any persons
be paid.

I give bequeath & demise to Ford my Negro fellow, from
the day of my death, all the days of his life to himself
to be free to himself while he lives on earth.

I give & bequeath to - Christopher Irvin, the son of George
Irvin fifty Dollars - I give bequeath to Peggy the daughter
of Georg Irvin fifty Dollars - I give & bequeath to a son
of Betsey Dickey that was reported to be my child the
sum of one hundred Dollars to be paid at the discretion
of the executors & that put to the use of schooling.

I give, bequeath to Elisabeth Irvin the wife of George Irvin
my bed & parure, & all my household furniture. I also
reserve to myself, as much of my estate as will cover my
grave with a marble tomb. - Then the remainder of
my estate to be divided equally between James Kerr &
Peter, my brother & sister & to go & be divided equally
between their heirs, all but a cow that is at Willm Young.
that I give & bequeath to him - also a large bible, I give
& bequeath to James Kerr - also to his daughter a small
bible & confession faith. Ratifying this to be my last

& Test: I do appoint James Kerr & George Irvin
executors. In witness whereof, I have put my hand
and hereto this 13th day of August 1804

N.B. I do allow Georg Irvin all debts due from me, to
any person, that he has lifted on my account from
the day he bought my land to this day. —

In presence of
Thomas Irvin, George Irvin, John Kerr
Alexander Lawrence. Secd.

In the name of God Amen! I John Patton of
the County of Rowan & State of N.C. Carolina being in
bad health of body but of sound mind & memory, being
desirous to settle my worldly affairs, in the following manner
do make & ordain this my last will & test. Principally
first of all I give & bequeath my soul to God who gave
it & my body to the earth.

Item I give & bequeath to my son John Patton my
Negro Dinah & Edmund.

Item I give & bequeath 2320 acres of land lying on
Tenessee river to be divided equally between my three
sons Joseph, Robert & John.

Item I also give & bequeath to my son Joseph fifty
pounds in money.

And to my son John one hundred pounds.

Item I will & bequeath to my three daughters fifty
pounds each in money.

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Item I will & bequeath to my daughter Sally King
pounds in money.
Item I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Susannah
fifty pounds in money.
Item I also give & bequeath to my son John, my smith
& farming tools, my stock & corn. (The court is specified
that this is the will of John Patton proven by Joseph Blount
& Matthew Whittle & that - given to John Patton)
The 20th of October 1800... J.D.O.

In the name of God Amen! I Stephen Riddle
of Rowan County & State of N.C. Carolina, being weak
in body but of perfect mind & memory, thanks be given
to God & calling unto mind the mortality of my body
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die
do make & ordain this my last will & test, that is to say
principally & first of all, I recommend my soul to God
who gave it, & my body to the earth, to be buried in a Chris-
tian burial at the discretion of my executors. Nothing
withstanding but at the general resurrection I shall receive the
me 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 following
manner & form.

1st I will that my just debts & funeral charges be paid by my
executors.

2^d I will & bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth all
the goods & property now remaining that she was possessed
on the day of our marriage, which was the marriage on