

In the name of God Amen! I John Linke of the County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina being sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given to God calling to 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 give & recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it, & my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my executors, & as touching such worldly estate, where with it had pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise & dispose of the same in the following manner.

First I give & bequeath to Mary my dearly beloved wife a bed & bedclothes, one cow her choice of the whole one sow & six sheats. Next I allow all the rest of my estate both real & personal, to be sold to the best advantage, then first I desire that my funeral charges be paid, then the remainder to be divided according to law, between my wife & four children And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannull all & every other former test: wills legacies bequeaths & executors by me in any wise before named willed & bequeathed, ratify & confirming this & no other to be my last will & test: in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 22nd day of December 1794.

Signed, sealed, & declared in the presence of us.
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 John H. Howard.
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 John X. Linke (Seal)
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 I do appoint W^m Robison &
 Jacob Linke executors.

In the name of God Amen! the 9th Day of January 1780
 I John Lawrence, in the County of Rowan, in the State of North Carolina, being very sick & weak in body, but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given to God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and 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 give & recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it ~~happily~~ body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again through the mighty power of God & as touching such worldly estate wherewith it had pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise & dispose of the same in the following manner (very)

1- I will that all those debts & duties I owe in right & consequence to any one whatsoever shall be well & truly paid in convenient time after my decease by my executors.
 2- I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret my plantation, I now live on, as it stands with the house, furniture & plantation utensils, to her during her widowhood & all the stock consisting of one mare, cows, hogs, sheep & geese, & after her widowhood or death all to be sold & divided as hereafter named.

I give & bequeath unto my beloved son William two hundred & twenty five acres of land lying on the east & of the head I now live on joining James Graham, & the dividing line to run north & south.

I give & bequeath unto my two beloved sons Alexander &