

In the name of God Amen. I John Stigerwalt Sen
of the County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina being weak
& frail in body but of sound mind & memory thanks be to
God for it & all other for his mercies & calling to mind the
mortality of my body & that it is appointed to all men
once to die, do make & ordain this my last will & testament that
is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my
soul to God who gave it, and my body to the earth, to be buried
in a Christian burial, in hope of the joyful resurrection
& blessed immortality. And as touching the worldly goods
whereunto it had pleased God to bless me with in this
life. I give devise & dispose of them in manner & form following.
Item I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary her
bed & furniture my dresses & so much of my kitchen and
household furniture as she shall think proper to retain
for her use, also her saddle, a chest, her spinning-wheel
two sheeps, one black mare & two cows, and also a yearly
allowance which shall be provided for her by my son Michael
(Viz) ten Bushels of good wheat & two & half bushels of
Indian Corn, One hundred pounds of good beef one hundred
pounds of pork, one bushel of oats, one quart of one acre
of flax she shall also have full liberty of my present
dwelling house, cellar, & a stable, which stands next my
house, the milk house & garden to use the same without
hindrance or controul, she shall have also the produce
of two rows of apple trees which stand next to the
middle fence, in that orchard next to my house & liberty
of peaches for her use & one barrel of Cyder each year.

about the middle of September if the fruit prospering also
four gallons of wine or Brandy, also such as many as she
shall stand in need of. She shall have also a sufficiency of
Irish & sweet potatoes & turneps and if she lives to be helped
or ailing she shall be furnished with all necessary garden
produce both of herbs & roots sufficient for her, and shall be
attended on both in sickness & in health in a manner suitable to
her degree these things shall be done for her, by my son Michael
yearly, & each year during his life time he shall also feed &
maintain her mare & cattle in summer & winter in like manner
as his own, and shall cause her grain to be ground & bring her meat
home & shall provide a sufficiency of fire wood for her, & generally
he shall do for her all & every other action or things which may be
reasonably repeated from a good and dutiful son. Item
I give & bequeath unto my son Adam the sum of five shillings
and I do hereby ratify and confirm unto him all former gifts.
Item I give & bequeath unto my son Frederick the sum of
five shillings, & I do hereby ratify & confirm unto him all
former gifts. Item I give & bequeath unto my son John
one shilling & I do hereby ratify & confirm to him all former
gifts. Item I give & bequeath unto my son Michael one
shilling & also one waggon, one grey horse, one black horse &
geese for two horses. One plough with oxen, & a pair
& all necessary carting for the same also one log chain, & my still
kettle with all the castles & vessels belonging to the same. In con-
sequence of which & of my lands which I am about to convey
unto him he shall support & maintain me & my wife Mary
during the term of our natural lives in the manner as is mentioned

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in his bond bearing equal date with these presents, and shall also give unto my son Jacob one good young horse, of the value of twenty five pounds north Carolina Currency and one good new waggon completely furnished & fit for the road, and also twelve pounds N. Carolina Currency. These things he shall give unto my son Jacob as soon as the said Jacob is married - Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Catharina as wife of Henry Per, one shilling and also one half of the surplus of my moveables not herein bequeathed, or retained by my wife Mary - Item I give & demise unto my son Tobias my plantation of Land which I bought of Adam Corel containing by estimation two hundred acres / to him his heirs & assigns for ever on this condition if he shall live to beget an heir, he shall nevertheless have the use thereof during his life, and if he dies without an heir begotten of his then and in that case the said Land shall by virtue of this my will descend unto my son Jacob & his heirs and assigns forever. On condition that he the said Jacob shall live to beget an heir, and if he shall die without an heir begotten of his body then the said plantation of Land shall descend unto my son Frederick & my daughter Catharina & their heirs & assigns for ever. Also I give & bequeath unto Tobias two cows - Item I give & bequeath unto my son Jacob one horse one new waggon & twelve pounds N. Carolina Currency which he is to receive of my son Michael as aforesaid, and also from my executors the sum of forty eight pounds also

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my waggon makers tools, my large iron oneifle & one half of my marbler (Dig.) of the surplus not herein bequeathed or retained by my wife Mary - And I do hereby constitute & appoint my two sons Adam Stijerwalt & Frederick Stijerwalt executors of this my last will & test. And I do hereby make void revoke & disannul all other wills which I have made heretofore ratifying & pronouncing this & no other to be my last will & test: in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord 1796.

Signed, sealed, & pronounced
In the presence of us.

Johannes Stijerwalt

George ^{his} ~~mark~~ Ketner jun
John Stijerwalt jun.
Michael Stijerwalt.

In the name of God Amen I John Pimont of the State of North Carolina & county of Rowan, being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory calling into mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and after death to come to judgment first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, my body to be buried in a Christian manner and as to my worldly estate that God has pleased to bless me with in this life I give & dispose of in the following manner to wit first of all I give and bequeath unto my beloved Friend Francis Williams