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I also give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ruth
Jacb over and above her equal part of my per-
sonal Estate the feather Bed and furniture that I
lay on her when and Assigns for ever, and as for my
Personal Estate which it has pleased God to bless with
to be equally divided among my children namely
Sarah Gaither Ann Gaither Rachel Gaither, Jeremiah Jacobs
Joseph Jacobs, Zachariah Jacobs, Edward Gaither, Jacob
Ruth Jacobs also my house that I hold in Maryland to
be sold by the Executor and equally to be divided among
all my Children above named, and do constitute &
appoint my Son Zachariah Jacobs my whole Sole
Executor of this my last Will and Testament and
do revoke disannul and make void all other Wills by
me hitherto made in witness whereof I have here-
unto set my hand and seal this 10. day of March
Anno Domini 1781. Signed sealed Acknowledged
and declared this to be his last Will and Tes-
tament in presence of
Solomon Ellis
James Patterson
Mary M. Patterson
Margret Harris
Jeremiah Jacobs

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In the name of God Amen this Twenty first
day of February One thousand seven hundred Eighty
and three that John Henderson of the State of North
Carolina and County of Howard being sick and
weak in body but of perfect mind and memory
thanks be to God for his mercies calling to mind the
mortality of my body, knowing that it is appoint-
ed for all men once to die I do recommend my
soul into the hands of God who gave it, and my
body to the Earth to be buried in a christian like
and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors
and as touching such temporal Estate as it hath pro-
vided God to bless me with in this life, I do order in the
following manner and form first of all I do order
that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid
and satisfied, ~~Impressed~~ it is my will and I
do order my beloved wife Mary a Horse saddle &
Bridle one feather Bed and it furniture forever
and my plantation and all my moveable Estate
during her widowhood, and keep my family to-
gether untill raised and schooled and of such age
as shall be convenient to be put to trade, and
each one to have the Trade he pleases to choose

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and each one of my Sons to have a Horse and saddle
when he comes to the age of 21 Years if my Executors
judge the Horse so given to be no detriment to the carrying
on the farm for the support of my Widow and Younger
Children. *MM* It is my will and I order that when my
Youngest Child living comes to age that then my Es-
tate not before willed be sold and one third part thereof
be given to my Wife if then living a Widow, the Remain-
ing two thirds to be equally divided among all my
Children at that time — *MM* It is my will that the
one third before willed to my Widow at her death or
Marriage shall also be equally divided among my
Children and that my Widow do oblige herself not to
Waste it alienate it or make it away by gift to any
MM it is my will and I do order my friends James
Houston & Abraham Jellin to be my joint Executors of this
my last Will and Testament testifying and confirming
this and no other to be my last Will and Testament

Signed Sealed Declared published & pronounced in presence
of *Abel Brown*
James Young
John his son
McCollough
mark

John Henderson
Mary Henderson
mark



In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Lorraine (69)
of Rowan County in the Province of North Carolina being
through the Abundant goodness of God of sound and perfect
Understanding and memory, calling to mind my mor-
tality and knowing that it is appointed for all men once
to die do therefore this sixth day of August in the Year of
our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Seventy six
make and constitute this my last Will and Testament in
manner and form following, and first I most humbly
bequeath my soul to God my maker beseeching his gra-
cious acceptance of it, through the all sufficient merits
and mediation of Jesus Christ my Lord and Redeemer,
and my body to the Earth from whence it came in
the hope of a joyful Resurrection, and thro the merits &
power of him who is the awakener of the dead, and as to my
Worldly Estate I will and positively order that all my law-
ful debts be justly paid, and I do give and bequeath
to my beloved and only son John my property of land
lying between the forks of Cataba River on Clysops Creek
(and if he die before he be of age, then said land to be-
come the property of my well beloved and only Daughter
Elizabeth and I bequeath to my honoured Father John
Lorraine my Negro Wench named Combs by paying
the sum of Eighty five pounds five Shillings of North
Carolina