

April the 11th. 1800. In the name of God Amen.
 I John Keller son of Rowan County & State of North Carolina, being in perfect memory, but weak in body, knowing it is appointed once for all men to die, do make this my last will & test: & desire that it may be received by all as such first I desire my body to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named, hoping it will be raised, again at the resurrection. And as for my worldly property wherewith it had pleased God to bless me, I give & bequeath in manner & form following.
 1) I give & bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth Keller as much of my household furniture as she may think proper to take during her life or widowhood, with my mead taken in inventory of it, & seeing that she does not destroy it, then my executors shall at my wife's decease or marriage, sell such property & divide it equal between my three youngest daughters Catharina, Elizabeth, & Anna, & the cotton that is on hand now I give to my beloved wife & as much of the mead as shall be necessary for her & her family & the rest to be sold for to get plank, to build my wife & children a house: & the wheat which is in the loft & the corn in the crib I give to my beloved wife as much as she may want to last her & the family till fall & the meat is to last her only till fall, the remainder of the wheat & corn is to be sold & my sons is to have the money to help build the house, I give unto my wife two cows such as she may choose out of my stock, one corn hoe, one ax, & my big spade, the garden hoe & my weavers loom & backstange

& quilt wheel & my two hickies to be sold at her decease, or her marriage & the money to be equally divided amongst all my daughter.
 2) I give & bequeath unto my son John the plantation where on I now live except one half acre of land & the garden which I give unto my wife during her life or widowhood & then to return to my son John, the half acre of land is to be on the back of the new barn, I give it unto him his heirs & assigns with his performing what is hereafter mentioned or his heirs or assigns performing of it, that is he shall give to my dearly beloved wife, fifteen bushels of good clean wheat, & ten bushels of corn two bushels of malt one half bushel of allumet, one half bushel of fine salt, one hundred weight of good mackerel, able pork, five pounds of good hoglard, & ten pounds of two five pounds of good clean cotton, three pounds of good clean wool, & to go to the mill for her, when she wants him & find her sufficient fire wood, cut & hauled to her door fit for the fire, & the whole of this, he is to perform yearly, likewise my son John is to support the two cows for his mother & he is to have the two calves of them & they are to suck six weeks, & he is to fence the half acre of land & to keep it in fence as her garden & dung them as needs may require & plough them, when ever she wants them ploughed & likewise six of such apocettrees, as she may choose during her life, or widowhood. I give & bequeath unto my son John, my waggon & hind gear & satchers, & two small log chains, & the two small wedges & ninety six pounds of new iron my gray griststone one vorsear plough.

Thirdly I give & bequeath to my son Henry Keller, all that tract of land, lying on the waters of Dutchmans creek, that I purchased of Isaac Eaton, unto him his heirs & assigns, with his performing what is herein after mentioned, that is to say he shall pay his mother six dollars yearly, & I give him a horse by the name of Sealer & his saddle & bridle & a year of stear that went by the name of his & one black bull one year old, six shaps one black sow; & the old rone horse is not to be sold, but to be my son John, & I give to my son Henry the sit & cradle that he owns & all the shoemakers tools my big iron wedge, twenty four pounds of new iron, two ploughs & backlings, one ax, one corn hoe, one miller my red grine, stone two row hides, & one calf skin, with his ^{own} leather & making his mother & three younger sisters, each of them a pair of good shoes & they may what that he sowed for himself & the flax that he sowed for himself.

4th I give to my daughter Catharina one cow none off the name of Pink one two year old, one bed & furniture, one new pewter basin, two plates, two spoons, & I also give to my son Henry, all the timbers he got out for waggons, & I give unto my daughter Elizabeth one bed & furniture, the bed is to have twenty five pounds of good feathers in, & it is to be picked off of the goose, & my son John is to keep the goose till it is made, & then he is to have them likewise, he is to give her a good cow & a two year old heiffer, out of his part, at her arising of age or marriage, & he is to give to my daughter Anna a good cow & a heiffer two years old, the cow he owe me, to be paid at her arising of age or marriage & I give unto my daughter Elizabeth

one pewter dish & two plates & two spoons. Unto my daughter Anna my wifes bed & furniture at her death or marriage, my big pewter dish & new basin, two plates & two spoons & all the rest of my moveable property, that is not mentioned is to be sold except my carpenters & joiners tools, for they are equally divided between my two sons as they can agree & what is sold is to be on one years credit given at the public sale, & first of all I give, out of what is sold ten dollars to my three youngest daughters each of them is to have ten, & the remainder is to be equally divided amongst all my daughters, except Barbara for she & her husband, has had twenty seven pounds hard money, but if it amounts so that they got twenty seven pounds hard money each & any remains, then she is to have her equal part of the remainder, & my son John is to pay unto his sisters fifty dollars at my wifes decease or marriage & my son Henry is to pay one hundred dollars to his sisters at his mothers death or marriage, the hundred & fifty dollars to be put to the vendue money & divided as that, & if it lacks it all to make up the rest of my daughters their twenty seven pounds, then Barbara none, if more then she draws her equal share of the remainder likewise my two sons is to build their mother a good comfortable house for her & her children to live in, in the term of eight months from this date, they are to have the nails & glass & brick that I have prepared for building to help build the house with & all the glass & brick that is over, I give unto my son Henry. I do appoint my two beloved sons John & Henry Keller, to be my executors of this my last will & test. witnessing

this & no other to be my last will & test: & all others hereto-
fore to be void & of no effect. In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above written
A.D. I give to my son Henry my big lock chain.

Signed, sealed, published, & declared
in the presence of us.

Benjamin Willson, Will^r Willson.

John Ketter, son. 
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In the name of God Amen! I George Kinder of the
town of Salisbury, (hatter) being very sick but of sound mind
& memory, & calling to mind that it is appointed for all men
to die, do make this my last will & test, that is to say particu-
larly & first of all I do recommend my soul to the hands of
God who gave it, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection
I shall rise again by the mighty power of God; my body I
give to the earth, to be buried in a decent Christian burial
at the discretion of my executors hereafter named & as touching
my worldly estate, wherewith it had pleased God to bless
me in this life, I give, devise, & dispose of the same in the
following manner & form that is to say.

1st I will that my funeral expences, & all my just debts
to be paid & if there be not money enough to be raised out
of my moveable estate personal property I do authorize
my executors to sell part of the lot where I now live on
the part that lyes between my shop & Jacob Utzman's
Chess Back, & to make good & sufficient title in fee simple to
the same: and for this purpose I do hereby delegate to my

executors hereinafter named, full power & authority to make
the conveyance of that part of my real estate, directed to be
sold in as full & simple manner as I myself could convey the same.
2^d I lend to my beloved wife Eve Kinder for & during her widow-
hood the house in which I now live, with the use of the
lot & appurtenances thereunto belonging: — But upon the
marriage of the said Eve after my death, or at her decease
it is my will & desire that my executors sell the said house
& lot & divide the money arising therefrom, equally between
the said Eve (if on her marriage) & my two children, that is
to say, between John Kinder my son, & a child en ventre
sa mere to be born to me after my death: — But if my said
wife Eve Kinder should die before her intermarriage then
my will & desire is that my said house & lot be sold by me
executors hereinafter named, & the money arising from it to
be equally divided between my said children, to wit John
Kinder & a child en ventre sa mere as aforesaid, & for the
purpose of conveying the said house & lot I hereby invest
my executors hereafter named full & ample power to make
a good & firm deed for the same to be purchased thereof.

3^d I devise, give, & bequeath unto my beloved wife Eve Kinder
one bed & furniture over & above her third part of my real
estate as aforesaid.

4th I hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my trusty &
well beloved friends Peter Browne & Montforth Stokes
to be my executors of this my last will & test: hereby
annulling, revoking & making void all other wills by me made
& publishing this to be my last will & test: & declaring the